

COLOSSIANS

"The Impact of Unsung Heros" Colossians 4:7-18 November 9, 2025

Read Colossians 4:7-18

The Faithful Messengers Vs 7-9

- ✓ **Tychicus** a faithful servant Acts 20:4; Titus 3:12; 2 Timothy 4:12; Ephesians 6:21
- ✓ Onesimus a transformed servant Philemon 10-16

The Faithful Supporters Vs 10-11, 14a

- ✓ Aristarchus devoted Acts 20:4; 27:2
- ✓ **John Mark** <u>deserter</u> to <u>dependable</u> Acts 13:5, 13; 15:37-39; 2 Timothy 4:11
- ✓ **Jesus Justus** delivered comfort
- ✓ Luke doctor & dear friend Acts 16:10; 20:5; 27:1; 2 Timothy 4:11

The Faithful Intercessor Vs 12-13

- ✓ **Epaphras** a prayer warrior Colossians 1:7-8
 - He prayed consistently
 - He prayed <u>intensely</u>
 - He prayed specifically

The Faithful/Faithless Companion Vs 14b

✓ **Demas** – the worldly <u>defector</u> Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:9-10

The Faithful <u>Unknown</u> Vs 15-18

- ✓ A gracious <u>host</u>
- ✓ A specific church
- ✓ A likely <u>leader</u> Philemon 2

Our Response:

- 1) Why is so important to have people in your life and corner who are faithful supporters, prayer warriors and encouragers? How did they help Paul?
- 2) Who in your life has been a "beloved brother/sister and faithful servant" to you in the Lord? How can you thank and or encourage them?
- 3) How does Paul's welcome of Mark illustrate forgiveness & reconciliation in ministry? What steps could you take to reconcile or restore a broken relationship, like Paul and Mark?
- 4) How might Epaphras' example challenge your own approach to praying for others?
- 5) Have you ever had anyone walk away from you and their like Demas did with Paul? How did you handle it? Why is that so hard? Do you still pray for that person?
- 6) Why is it hard sometimes for us to serve and not be known or recognized for what we've done? What does this passage teach us about our willingness to serve even if no one seems to notice?