

COLOSSIANS: THE WHOLE STORY

Part 4: The True STORY About Relationships – Chapter 4 Chuck Larsen, March 6, 2011

THE TRUE STORY ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS INVOLVES THREE THINGS

1. THE STORY OF _____ WITH GOD

Colossians 4:2 (HSCV) Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.

2. THE STORY OF _____ WITH THE WORLD

Colossians 4:3-6 (HSCV) At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the message, to speak the mystery of the Messiah—for which I am in prison—so that I may reveal it as I am required to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.

3. THE STORY OF _____ WITH BELIEVERS

Colossians 4:7-18 (HSCV) Tychicus, a loved brother, a faithful servant, and a fellow slave in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are, and so that he may encourage your hearts. He is with Onesimus, a faithful and loved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here. Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as does Mark, Barnabas' cousin (concerning whom you have received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), and so does Jesus who is called Justus. These alone of the circumcision are my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always contending for you in his prayers, so that you can stand mature and fully assured in everything God wills. For I testify about him that he works hard for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. Luke,

the loved physician, and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brothers in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. And tell Archippus, "Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it." This greeting is in my own hand—Paul. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.