

# PRAYING LIKE EPAPHRAS



**COLOSSIANS 4:12-13**

**I. Epaphras was always wrestling in prayer for his congregation (v.12).**



- **Of all the ways he could have struggled, why is this behavior complimented?**
- **How do things change when we wrestle in prayer for our brethren?**

**II. Epaphras prayed for them to stand firm, be mature and have assurance (Col.4:12).**



- How does his 'prayer journal' differ from ours?
- Why do we need to be praying for the church to grow in each of these aspects?

**III. Epaphras prayed so fervently that it was 'hard work' (v.13).**



- **How do the examples of Epaphras and of Jesus show us the 'hard work' of prayer?**
- **How will our example in prayer be seen as 'hard work?'**

**IV. Epaphras also taught  
grace in Christ and shared  
news about their love  
(Colossians 1:6-8).**



- How does prayer relate to sharing the grace of God?
- How does praying affect the way we report news about the congregation?

**V. Epaphras' devotion  
cost him his freedom  
(Philemon v.23).**



- **How much does it cost to be completely devoted to Jesus?**
- **What will motivate us to that level of devotion in prayer and service?**

# **Call to action: To labor diligently in prayer for this congregation.**



- How will we be wrestling in prayer this week for this congregation?
- What will help us keep the focus of our prayers on spiritual needs?
- How strongly do you desire to be known as one who labored diligently in prayer?
- How are your prayers affecting your message?
- How much do you want your devotion cost you?

**-How can we help?**