



# RESET

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

## RESET YOUR COMMUNITY

John 13:35; Colossians 4:7 – 18

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions — if he comes to you, welcome him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.” I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. — Colossians 4:7 – 18 (ESV)*

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. — John 13:34 – 35 (ESV)*

#### **Transformational Marks of Biblical Community:**

- **Growing friendships instead of stagnant acquaintances.**

*Tychicus ... He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. — Colossians 4:7 (ESV)*

*... and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you ... — Colossians 4:9 (ESV)*

*Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. — Colossians 4:15 (ESV)*

- **Proven encouragement instead of sustained negativity.**

*I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, — Colossians 4:8 (ESV)*

*... and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. — Colossians 4:11 (ESV)*

- **Powered by prayer instead of powered by self.**

*Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. — Colossian 4:12*



- **A spirit of grace instead of prolonged bitterness.**

*And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other ... — Acts 15:39 (ESV)*

*Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions — if he comes to you, welcome him), — Colossians 4:10 (ESV)*

*I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. — Colossians 4:18 (ESV)*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Share one unique thing about yourself that your group may not already know about you.
- Share the marks, in your opinion, of a great small group.
- What do you think Pastor Jon meant when he said strong relationships happen better in “circles of friendships” than just in “rows of chairs” on Sundays?
- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this Sunday?
- Who is someone that God is leading you to be “laboring in prayer” for in this season and why?
- Read Acts 15:39 and Colossians 4:10. How do past disappointments in church relationships keep us from experiencing transformational community today? How do you think God changed Paul’s relationship with Mark?
- What keeps someone locked in bitterness versus what enables someone to move forward with grace, when a relationship has resulted in hurt?