

Series: Ephesians: Christ's Life In Us

Sermon: Encouragement To Go

Passage: Ephesians 6:21-24

Illustration:

Need: As we conclude Paul's letter to the Ephesian church, we will be encouraged to move forward with passion and confidence in who we are and to what we've been called in Christ!

I. Invaluable Teammates

- Tychicus - from Asia, joined Paul on his third missionary journey after a riot in Ephesus (Acts 20).
- He delivered at least 4 of Paul's letters (Eph, Col, Titus, 2 Tim, probably Philemon).
- Tychicus is a great reminder of a unified team player:
 - Fully involved. He was not a spectator.
 - Beloved. He wasn't the guy that people had to tolerate.
 - Faithful. He must have been a gospel warrior who was trustworthy and reliable.

II. Encouragement from Difficulty

- How amazing that the one in chains wanted everyone else to be encouraged and comforted.
- Paul concludes by blessing true followers of Christ with those things that are ours from God:
 - Peace (8 times) - Settled heart and mind regardless of circumstances.
 - Love (20 times) - The lens through which we live motivated by God's love for us.
 - Faith (10 times) - Believing and trusting in who God is and what God has said.
 - Grace (12 times) - God's active favor "which He has lavished upon us" (Eph. 1:8)

III. Let's return often to Ephesians

- To be reminded of who we are in Christ!
- To remember our call live Christ's life in us!