

Title: Up Close and Personal Text: Colossians 1:14-2:5

**Target:** When you see the success of someone, do not overlook the adversity that was required to get them where they are.

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_\_i "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church," (Vs. 1:24)
  - A. Fellowship in Persecution: "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death." (Phil. 3:10)
  - B. Fruit Produced: "for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing," (James 1:3-4)
  - **C. Future Promise:** "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)
    - 1. People Saved: "I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel" (Phil 1:12)
    - 2. Special Reward: "For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison," (2 Cor. 4:17)
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ "of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known," (Vs. 1:25)
  - A. A Clear Calling: "to make the word of God fully known," (Vs. 25)
    - 1. Make it Plain: "the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints." (Vs. 26)
    - 2. Make it Personal: "To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Vs. 27)
    - **3. Make it Pertinent:** "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ." (Vs. 28)
  - **B. A Consuming Passion:** "For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me." (Vs. 29)
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ "For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face," (Vs. 2:1)
  - A. Revelation to Receive: "I want you to know" (Vs. 2:1)
    - 1. Receive Encouragement: "that their hearts may be encouraged" (Vs. 2:2a)
    - 2. Embrace Unity: "being knit together in love" (Vs. 2:2b)
    - **3. Awaken Enlightenment:** "to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ," (Vs. 2:2c)
  - B. Expectation to Believe: "reach all the the riches" (Vs. 2:2c)
    - 1. Pursue Treasure: "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Vs. 2:3)
    - 2. Defend for Truth: "I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments." (Vs.2:4)
    - **3. Firm in the Faith:** "rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ." (Vs. 2:5)

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Takeaway: "Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again." Nelson Mandela.



# UPREME

## **WEEKLY RHYTHMS:**

Tuesdays at 6:30pm | Care Groups

CBC Care Groups are here to offer support and help you find community.

Wednesdays at 6:45pm | Impact

Join us for impact, our midweek gathering for 6-12th grade students!

Thursdays at 7:00pm | Common Ground

College students- join us for our Thursday gathering!

Fridays at 6:30pm | Celebrate Recovery & The Landing Recovery community for adults and students.



### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Mon, 10.09 • 5:45pm | Welcome Home

Welcome Home is a great way to find out more about CBC and how to get connected to our family! It is held monthly and has an opportunity for membership at the end of the class.

Mon, 10.16 • 6:30pm | Young Adults Gathering

This month, our Gathering will be for MEN ONLY! Ladies, we encourage you to attend the Women's Social: Fall Fest on that night. Gather with a collection of young adults committed to journey through adulthood God's way.

Mon, 10.16 • 5:45pm | Women's Social: Fall Fest We can't wait for you to join us for our Women's Fall Fast We will gother at Emmitt Park to enjoy an evening

Fest! We will gather at Emmitt Park to enjoy an evening of community, fun activities, great food, and will close the night in prayer together.

Fri & Sat, 10.20 & 10.21 | Men's Conference

Men of CBC! Join us for our 2-day REBEL Men's Conference for food, fellowship, and worship. We look forward to seeing you here!

For more information & to register, visit communitybible.com/events



# NEW BELIEVERS & FIRST TIME GUESTS:

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, we'd like to celebrate with you! Text 'CHRIST' to 210-762-4747. If you are visiting for the first time, we want to welcome you! Stop by any yellow Connects kiosks for a free gift or text 'GUEST' to 210-762-4747 so we can reach out to you at a later time.

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