**“Prayer Recharge”**

Going deeper in Colossians 1:9-14

**INTRODUCTION** Paul has just finished thanking God for the faith, hope, and love of the believers in Colossae and how the gospel they responded is bearing fruit in all the world and in their lives.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 9 Because of all this, since the first day we heard about you we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will with spiritual wisdom and understanding 10 so you can live in a way worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him; bearing all kinds of good fruit and growing in the knowledge of how God works, 11 empowered with all might, according to His glorious strength so you can have incredible endurance and longsuffering with joy,12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to take part in the inheritance of everything in His bright and beautiful kingdom. 13 He rescued us from the control of darkness and set us up in the kingdom of the Son whom He loves so much 14 and in whom we have been set free through the forgiveness of sins.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Are there people in your life that you pray for in the way that Paul does? How does your prayers compare with Paul’s in intensity? Thankfulness? Gratitude?

2. What are you going to take from his prayer and apply to your prayer life?

3. What are the main things that Paul wants for this young church according to these verses? What does that tell you about what He wants for you? Of these which ones are the most important to you right now?

4. What do verses 12-14 tell you about the Lord’s rescue mission? What has He done for us through His grace?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Thank the Lord for those you serve Him with.

\*Ask the Lord to fill each with knowledge of His will, power for living a God-honoring life, and an attitude of thankfulness.

\*Ask the Lord to produce fruit (aspects of holiness or a God-honoring lifestyle) in your life today.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Paul’s prayer reminds you that when you place your faith in Jesus you have been set free to live a life that is characterized knowledge, power, endurance, long-suffering, joy with thankfulness. Will you rely on God’s power at work in you and live this kind of life this week?