

Title | Bringing Life in the Moment

Series | Toward Wholeness

Text | Colossians 1:24-29

By | Bob Kerrey

Date | November 22, 2020

Colossians 1:24 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, 25 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, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 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. 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. ESV

Big Idea:

Sermon Notes

Colossians 1:28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-28, then Colossians 1:24. Is Paul a credible source of advice on suffering? Why or why not?

Tuesday:

Read Colossians 1:24-29. What kind of suffering is Paul talking about and why does he rejoice in it? How can we follow his example?

Wednesday:

Reread Colossians 1:28. In what way can you bring life to another person to encourage them toward maturity? Why does such maturity matter?

Thursday:

In Colossians 1:28, the word, "everyone" is repeated three times? The original Greek word focuses not on the totality, but on the individual parts that make up the whole. Why is this significant in bringing life to others?

Friday:

From Colossians 1:29, what is the source of power for bringing life to others? How do we access it?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to recognize the person to whom you want me to bring life today. And give me the wisdom and strength to do it in the moment. Amen.