

# The Supremacy of Christ: Hey! I've Got A Friend Like That!

Colossians 4:7-18

## #1 The “always loyal, would never misrepresent you” friend.

BOOK Colossians 4:7–8 (NIV84) “Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup> I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts.”

BOOK Colossians 4:9 (NIV84) “He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.”

My friend \_\_\_\_\_ is like that!

## #2 The “sticks by you through thick and thin” friend.

BOOK Colossians 4:10 (NIV84) “My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)”

BOOK Acts 15:36–40 (NLT) “After some time Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing.” <sup>37</sup> Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. <sup>39</sup> Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. <sup>40</sup> Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord’s gracious care.”

BOOK Colossians 4: 11 (NIV84) “Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me.”

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## #3 The “says they will pray for you and really means it” friend.

BOOK Colossians 4:12–13 (NIV84) “Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. <sup>13</sup> I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.”

BOOK Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

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## #4 The “used to walk with Jesus but turned away” friend.

BOOK Colossians 4:14 (NIV84) “Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings.”

BOOK Philemon 1:23–24 (NIV84) “Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. <sup>24</sup> And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.”

BOOK 2 Timothy 4:9–11a (NIV84) “Do your best to come to me quickly, <sup>10</sup> for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica... <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me.”

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## #5 The “makes everyone feel welcome” friend.

- BOOK Colossians 4:15-16 (NIV84) “Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup> After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.”
- BOOK Revelation 3:20 (NIV84) “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

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## #6 The “holds you accountable to do what God has called you to do” friend.

- BOOK Colossians 4:17–18 (NIV84) “Tell Archippus: ‘See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord.’”
- BOOK Philippians 1:6 (NIV84) “...He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
- BOOK Colossians 4:18 (NIV84) “I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.”

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**Digging Deeper:** One of the things that quarantining is doing is it's helping us to appreciate other people. More than ever, we value a simple cup of coffee or a walk with a friend. Time apart from our friends has given us time to reflect on those friendships. Which of your friends most resemble the “friends” that Pastor Mike talked about today? Will you accept the challenge and write them a handwritten letter and mail it to them this week? **Are you aware of our Online Church Directory?**

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