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Scripture: Colossians 1:11-12

TITLE: What Would You Wish For?

What would you wish for if you had a magic lamp? If a genie appeared offering you a wish, what would you ask for? Would it be a million dollars? Would it be an all-expense-paid trip around the world? Would it be for world peace? I think most of us would probably ask for a bunch of cash, because whether we like to admit it or not, we think a lot of resources will make a lot better. Now, a genie is a made-up character who has no real power. But God does exist. And God is there to answer our prayers. So, what is a worthwhile prayer request to get us through life?

Paul has the answer, and it may surprise you. Paul says this in Colossians 1:11-12 (NLT):

“We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power, so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, ¹² always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.”

In verse 10, Paul prayed for the Colossian church to have a full understanding of God’s will and spiritual wisdom and knowledge. From this knowledge, we can now experience what we need for life in a fallen world. It’s the prayer we need to participate in.

Paul says, “We pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power.” Paul uses two complementary Greek words that mean the potential for extreme power, and the ability to control that power. So, Christians today have godly power available for our use. But what is this power for? This power lends itself to faithfully enduring the trials of life as a Christian. And when you do so, you’ll have patience. Patience is the peace and calm while waiting. And Friend, I need this so bad. It’s at my disposal. Will I ask for it? Will I receive it? Will I use it?

How is it that we can be so patient in the enduring of life’s hardships? We have supernatural joy. Why? Because we are heirs of the King. We are so earthly focused that we keep focusing on the problems of life, or the pleasures of life. We need to keep focusing on our glorious future where we reign with Christ forever. No more pain. No more sadness. No more sickness. That is our promise. That is our hope.

So here’s my challenge for you today: pray for a heavenly mindset. Ask God to make that hope so clear and so real that you are ready to receive that joy, patience, and endurance. When we keep our eyes on that heavenly inheritance, it makes God’s promises bigger than the problems we face. It makes the bank account look like chump change. That’s why it’s my prayer for you

that you will cling to that inheritance, so you may receive that power to endure patiently with joy. When we do this, we will win the day.