

Message Notes

The Rooted Life: In Community

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – Hope Box begins next week!

Today's Message:
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Colossians 4:7-18

Quick recap:

- Memorize 1:15-20
- In Christ, you are. Seek him, you must!

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About those of the “circumcision” party
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Observations of names and descriptions

Hope staff send their greetings

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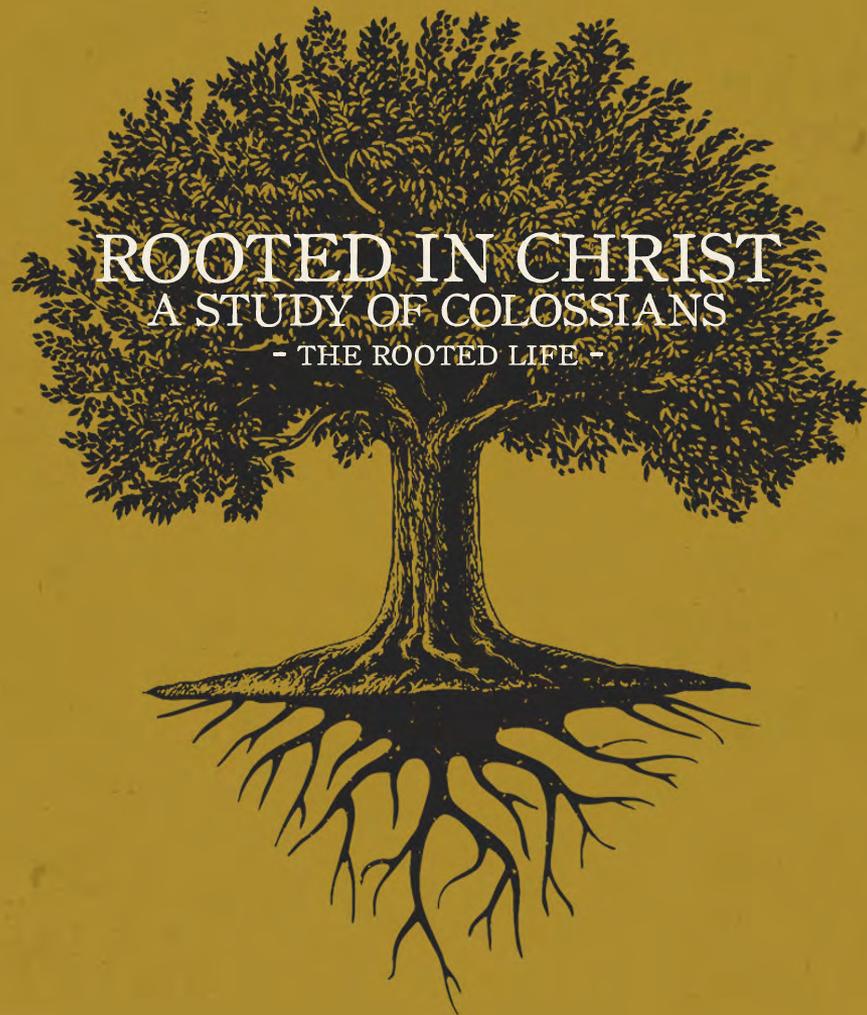
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ROOTED IN CHRIST
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- THE ROOTED LIFE -

Colossians 1:15-20

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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If Yoda wrote the book of Colossians



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Philemon 15-20

15 Perhaps the reason he (Onesimus) was separated from you (Philemon) for a little while was that you might have him back forever — 16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back — not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

About those of the “circumcision” party

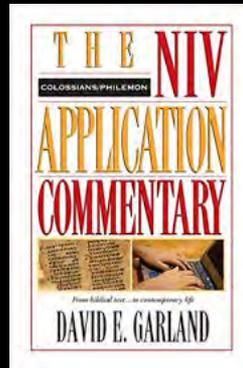
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In the context of Jewish opposition in Colosse, however, it is likely that Paul wants to remind them that some Jews, whom they know or know about, have been willing to throw aside their religious entitlements for the sake of the gospel in which there is no Jew nor Greek, circumcised or uncircumcised. They also serve with him in his mission among the Gentiles.

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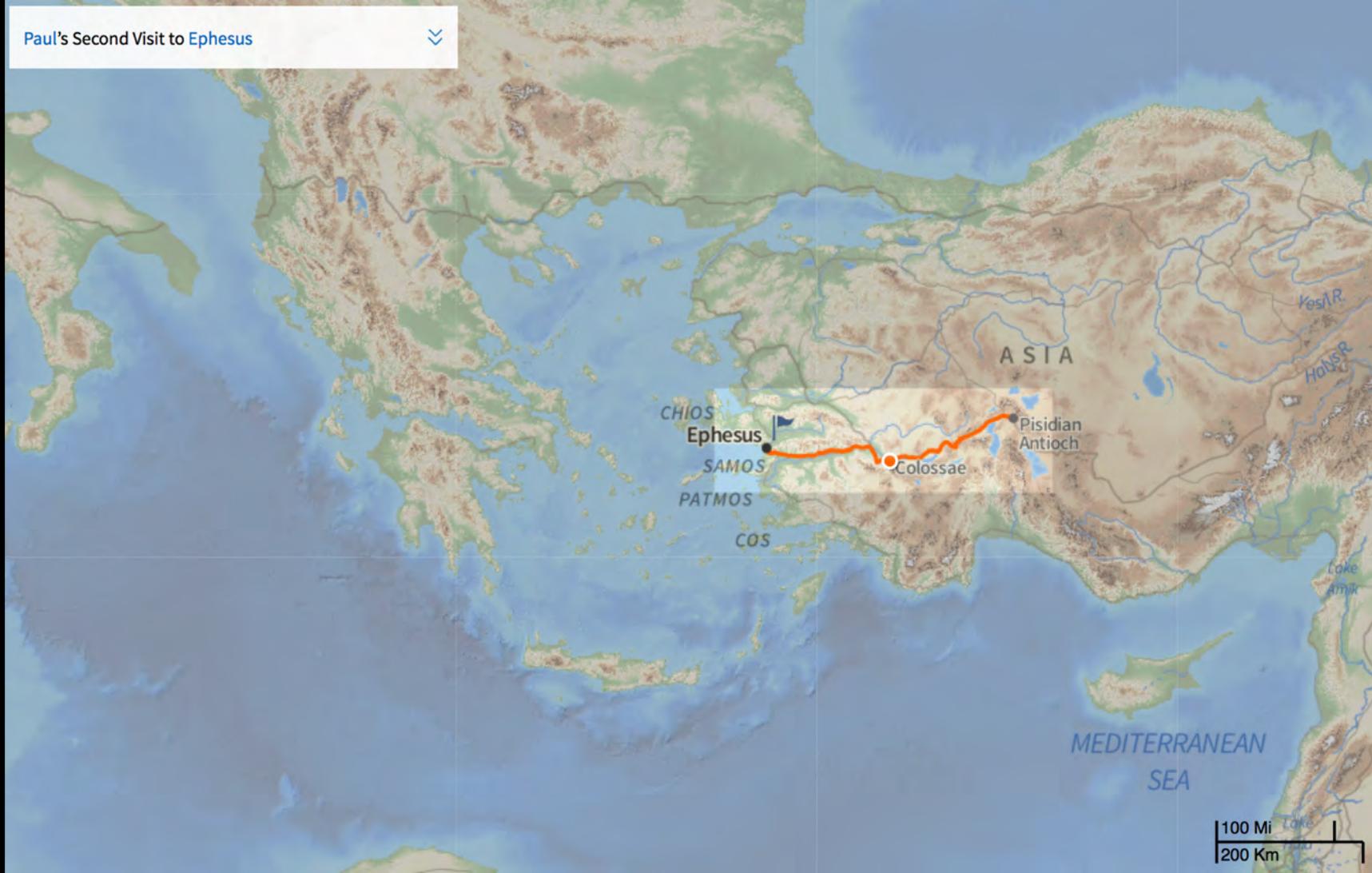
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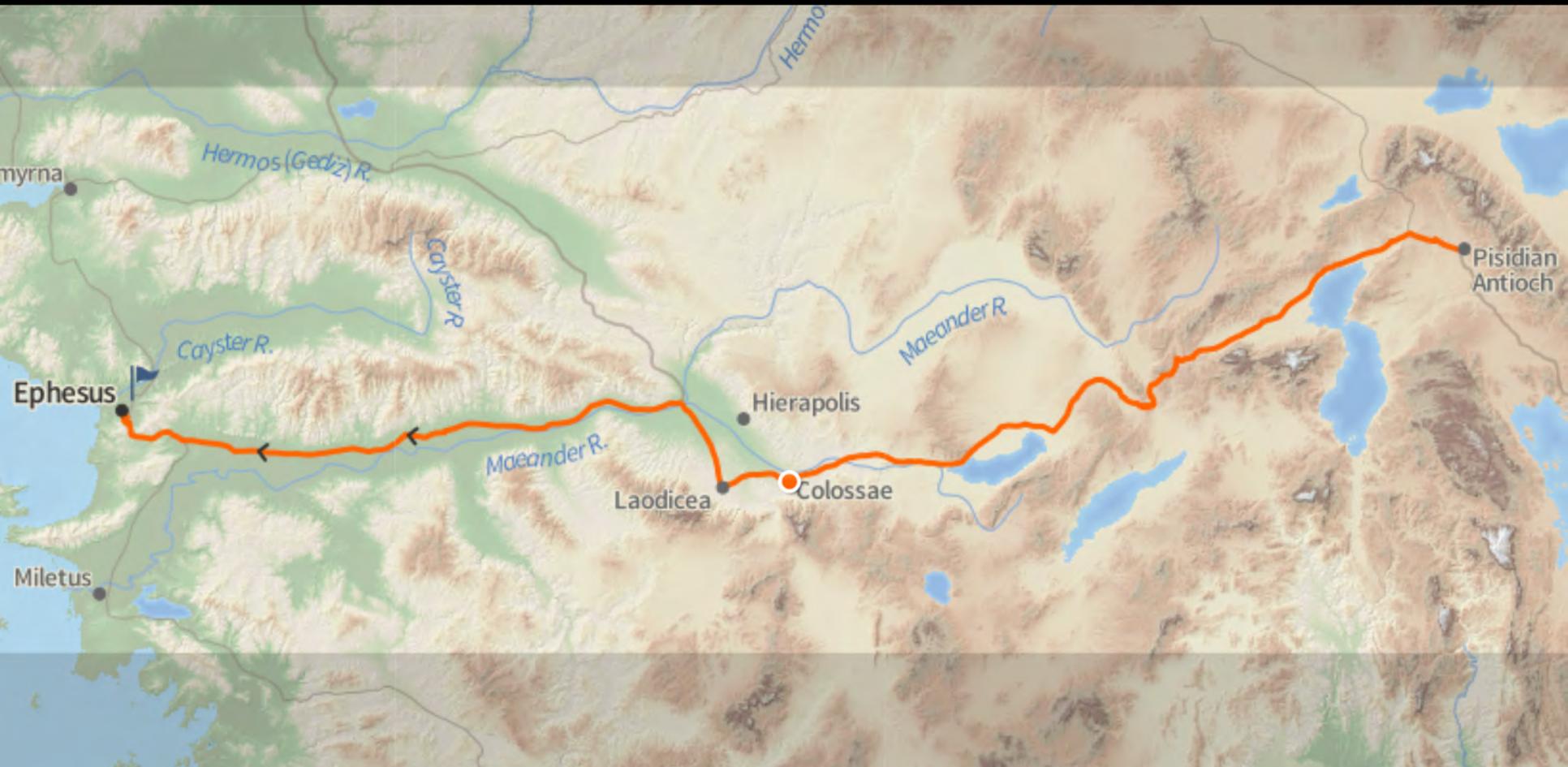
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¹⁷ Tell Archippus:^s “ See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord.”^t

Philemon 2

² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus^e our fellow soldier^f—and to the church that meets in your home:^g

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Colossians 3:11

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Acts 15:36-41

36 Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." 37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. 39 They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. 41 He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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2 Timothy 4:9-10

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 7. Church is a team sport

Colossians 1:3-6

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people – 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world – just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.



