

GOOD ANSWERS TO LIFE'S QUESTIONS

SERIES – MEMORY VERSES:

COLOSSIANS 2.6-7

- **⁶ THEREFORE, AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, SO WALK IN HIM,⁷ ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH, JUST AS YOU WERE TAUGHT, ABOUNDING IN THANKSGIVING.**

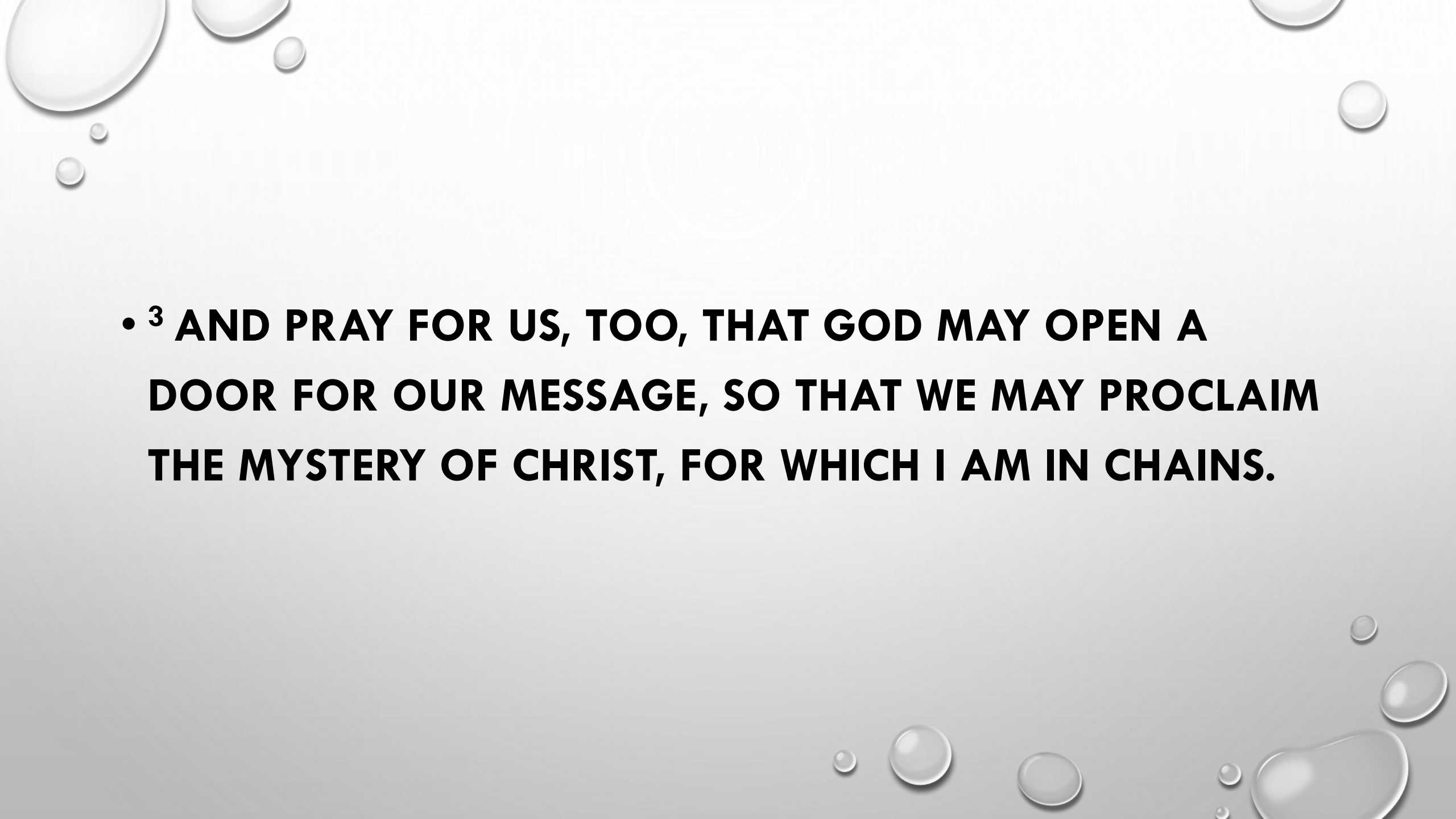
GATLQ LESSON 7: BE THE ENCOURAGER

TEXT: **COLOSSIANS 4.1-8**

- 1. BE FAIR**
- 2. PRAYING, WATCHFUL, AND THANKFUL.**
- 3. CONVERSATION: FULL OF GRACE**
- 4. ENCOURAGE YOUR HEARTS.**

COLOSSIANS 4.1-8

- **MASTERS, PROVIDE YOUR SLAVES WITH WHAT IS RIGHT AND FAIR, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOU ALSO HAVE A MASTER IN HEAVEN.**
- **² DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER, BEING WATCHFUL AND THANKFUL.**

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- **³ AND PRAY FOR US, TOO, THAT GOD MAY OPEN A DOOR FOR OUR MESSAGE, SO THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, FOR WHICH I AM IN CHAINS.**

- **⁴ PRAY THAT I MAY PROCLAIM IT CLEARLY, AS I SHOULD.**
- **⁵ BE WISE IN THE WAY YOU ACT TOWARD OUTSIDERS; MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY. ⁶ LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE ALWAYS FULL OF GRACE, SEASONED WITH SALT, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HOW TO ANSWER EVERYONE.**

- **⁷ TYCHICUS WILL TELL YOU ALL THE NEWS ABOUT ME. HE IS A DEAR BROTHER, A FAITHFUL MINISTER AND FELLOW SERVANT IN THE LORD. ⁸ I AM SENDING HIM TO YOU FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE THAT YOU MAY KNOW ABOUT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT HE MAY ENCOURAGE YOUR HEARTS.**

1. BE FAIR

- MASTERS, PROVIDE YOUR SLAVES WITH WHAT IS RIGHT AND FAIR, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOU ALSO HAVE A MASTER IN HEAVEN.
- YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO NONE OTHER THAN YOUR CREATOR!

2. PRAYING, WATCHFUL, AND THANKFUL.

- ² DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER, BEING WATCHFUL AND THANKFUL.
- ³ AND PRAY FOR US, TOO, THAT GOD MAY OPEN A DOOR FOR OUR MESSAGE, SO THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, FOR WHICH I AM IN CHAINS.
- ⁴ PRAY THAT I MAY PROCLAIM IT CLEARLY, AS I SHOULD.

3. CONVERSATION: FULL OF GRACE

- ⁶ LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE ALWAYS FULL OF GRACE, SEASONED WITH SALT, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HOW TO ANSWER EVERYONE.
- ASK SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU –
 - IS MY CONVERSATION ALWAYS FULL OF GRACE?
 - HOW CAN I DO BETTER?

4. ENCOURAGE YOUR HEARTS

- I AM SENDING HIM TO YOU FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE . . .
- THAT HE MAY ENCOURAGE YOUR HEARTS.
- HOW DOES ONE DO THAT? ONE WAY:
- LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE ALWAYS FULL OF GRACE

AND, PHILIPPIANS 4.4-7, NIV

- **⁴ REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. I WILL SAY IT AGAIN: REJOICE! ⁵ LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE EVIDENT TO ALL. THE LORD IS NEAR. ⁶ DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERY SITUATION, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.**

- ⁷ AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.