

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Nathan Currey

True Gospel Ministry

Colossians 1:24-29

April 26, 2026

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Colossians 1:24</b> 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.</p>	<p><b><i>True Gospel Ministry must proclaim Christ, the hope of glory</i></b></p> <p><b>I. Expect Suffering</b></p> <p><b>II. Make God's Word known</b></p> <p><b>III. The Struggle is Real</b></p> <p><b>Memory verses for 2026-</b></p> <p>Ephesians 4:1-3</p> <p>[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you To walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,</p> <p>[2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,</p> <p>[3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Paul rejoiced in suffering for Christ and His church. Why is it hard for us to see suffering, opposition, inconvenience, or sacrifice as purposeful today, and how can the words of Jesus and Peter reshape our view of hardship?

2. True gospel ministry seeks to “make the word of God fully known.” In practical terms, what would that look like in your personal life, home, friendships and ministry at church?

3. Paul centered his message on “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” How is that different from a shallow or cultural Christianity, and which part of that truth most encourages you right now: union with Christ, forgiveness, the Spirit’s presence, power for holiness, or future glory?

4. If the apostle Paul spent a week observing your life, family, or church involvement, what signs of true gospel ministry would he see, and what might need to change?

5. Paul says the goal of ministry is maturity in Christ, not merely attendance, knowledge, or outward success. What false measures of spiritual success are common today, and how can the church guard against them?

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: