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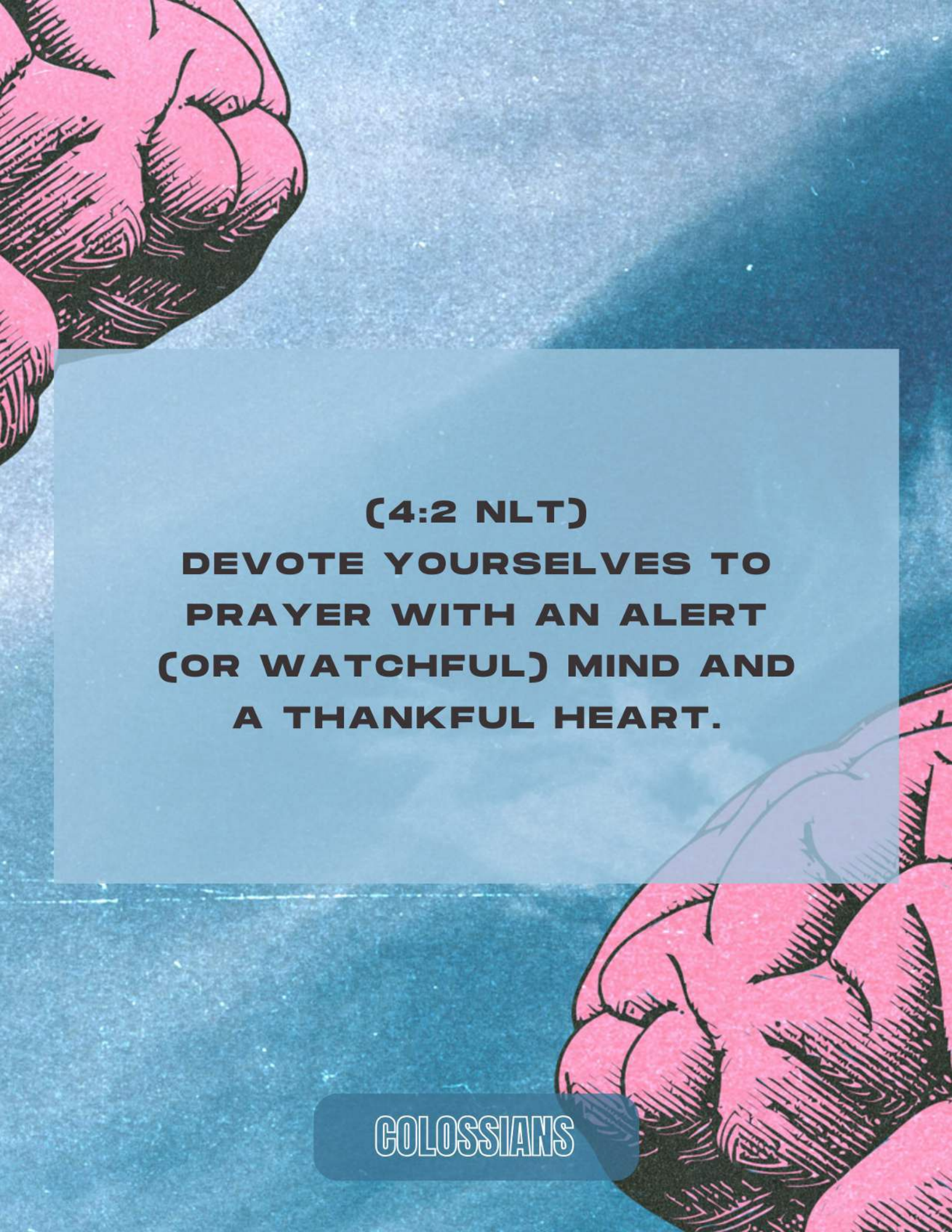
## **MAIN POINTS**

**BIG IDEA:  
HOW YOU PRAY MATTERS  
HOW YOU LIVE MATTERS**

**PRAY WITH ALERTNESS  
PRAY WITH THANKFULNESS**

**PRAY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
SEE THE OPPORTUNITY  
TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY**

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**(4:2 NLT)**  
**DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO**  
**PRAYER WITH AN ALERT**  
**(OR WATCHFUL) MIND AND**  
**A THANKFUL HEART.**

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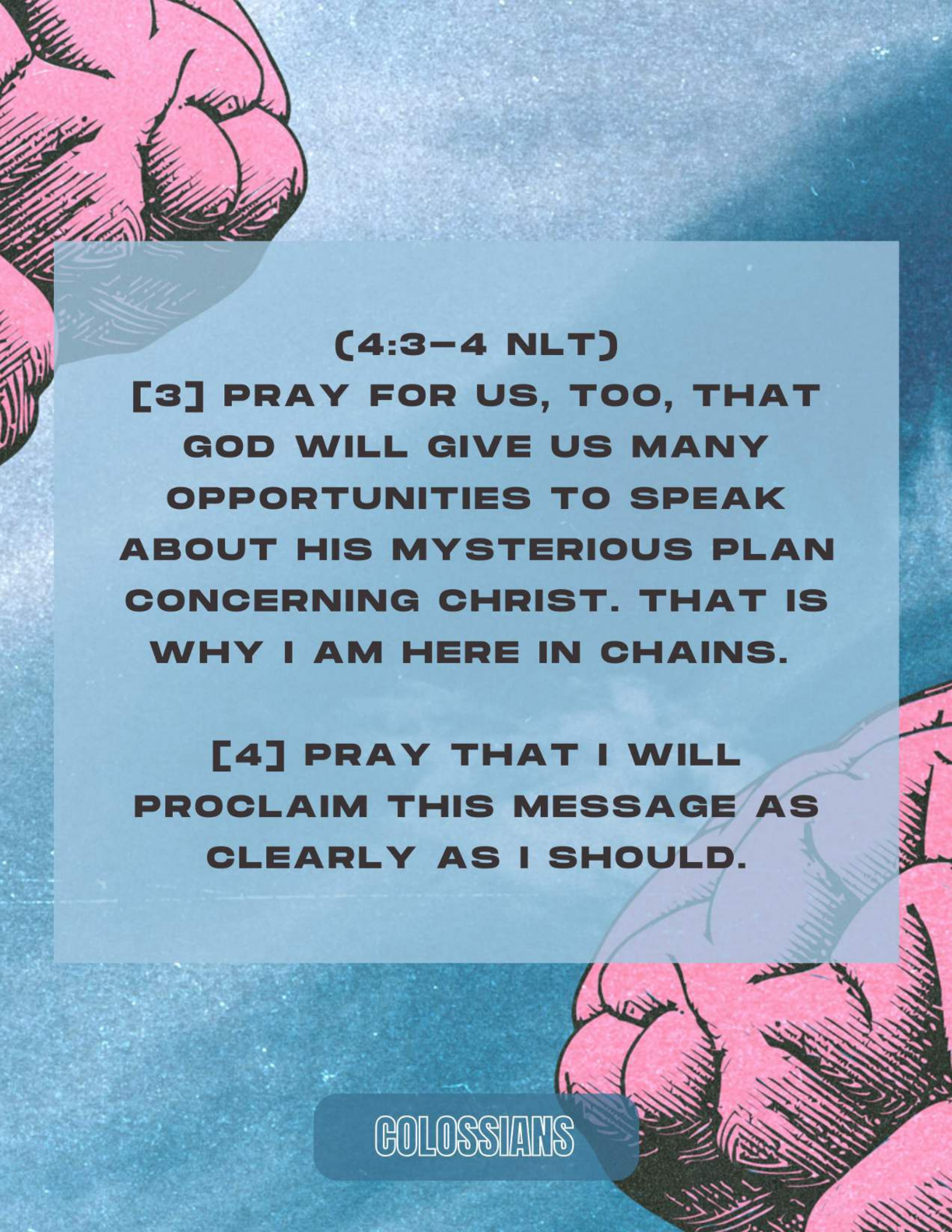
### **1) WE SHOULD PRAY WITH ALERTNESS (WATCHFUL)**

BEING WATCHFUL AND ALERT KEEPS US PREPARED FOR THE ENEMIES ATTACKS & KEEPS US FOCUSED ON THE RIGHT THINGS.

### **2) WE SHOULD PRAY WITH THANKFULNESS**

BEING THANKFUL KEEPS US FROM HAVING AN UNGRATEFUL AND NEGATIVE ATTITUDE. OUR PERSPECTIVE IS BETTER WHEN WE'RE THANKFUL. WE LIVE MORE GODLY LIVES WHEN WE'RE CENTERED ON BEING THANKFUL.

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**(4:3-4 NLT)**

**[3] PRAY FOR US, TOO, THAT  
GOD WILL GIVE US MANY  
OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK  
ABOUT HIS MYSTERIOUS PLAN  
CONCERNING CHRIST. THAT IS  
WHY I AM HERE IN CHAINS.**

**[4] PRAY THAT I WILL  
PROCLAIM THIS MESSAGE AS  
CLEARLY AS I SHOULD.**

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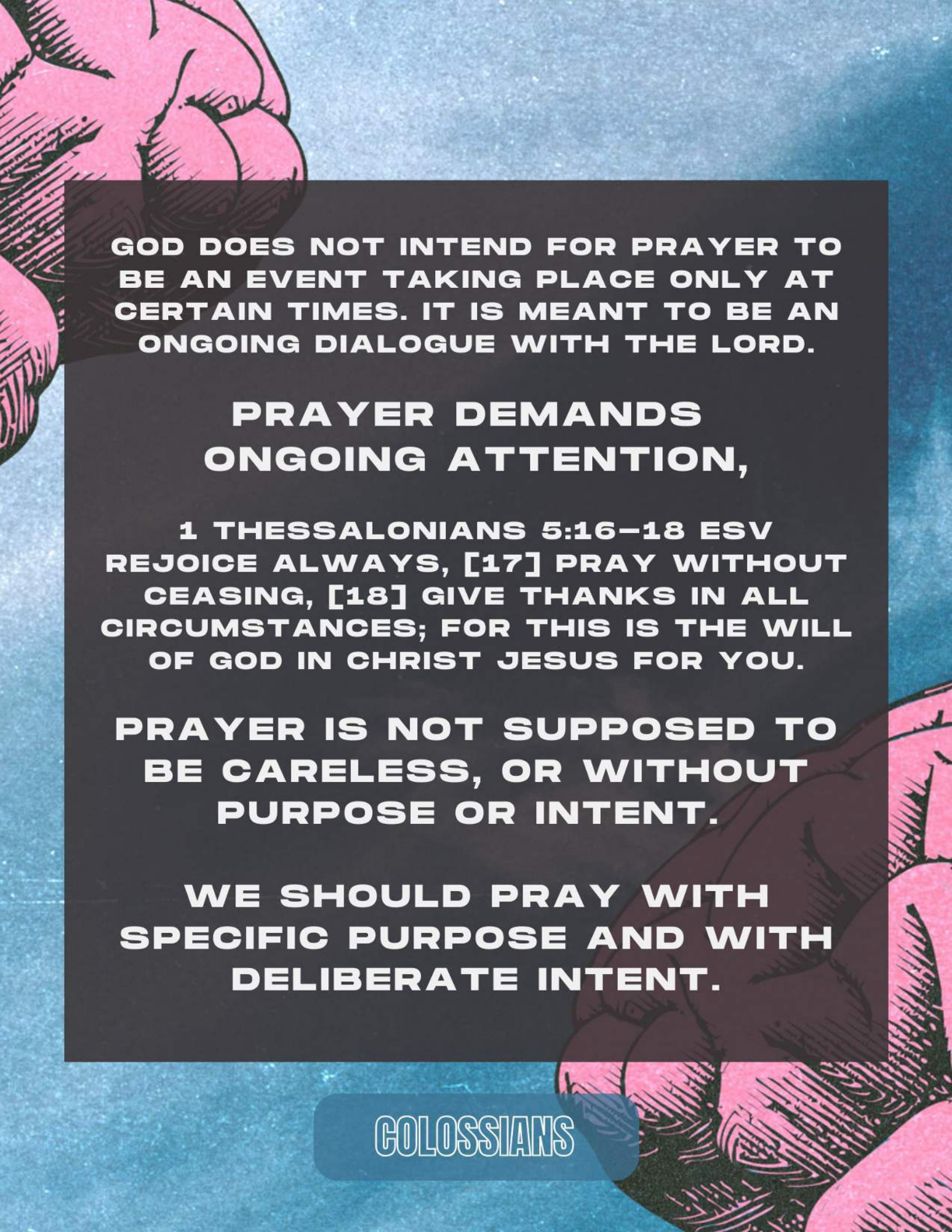
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**3) WE SHOULD PRAY  
FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO  
SHARE CHRIST.**

PRAYING FOR OPPORTUNITIES  
KEEPS OUR MIND ON THE  
MISSION.



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**GOD DOES NOT INTEND FOR PRAYER TO BE AN EVENT TAKING PLACE ONLY AT CERTAIN TIMES. IT IS MEANT TO BE AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH THE LORD.**

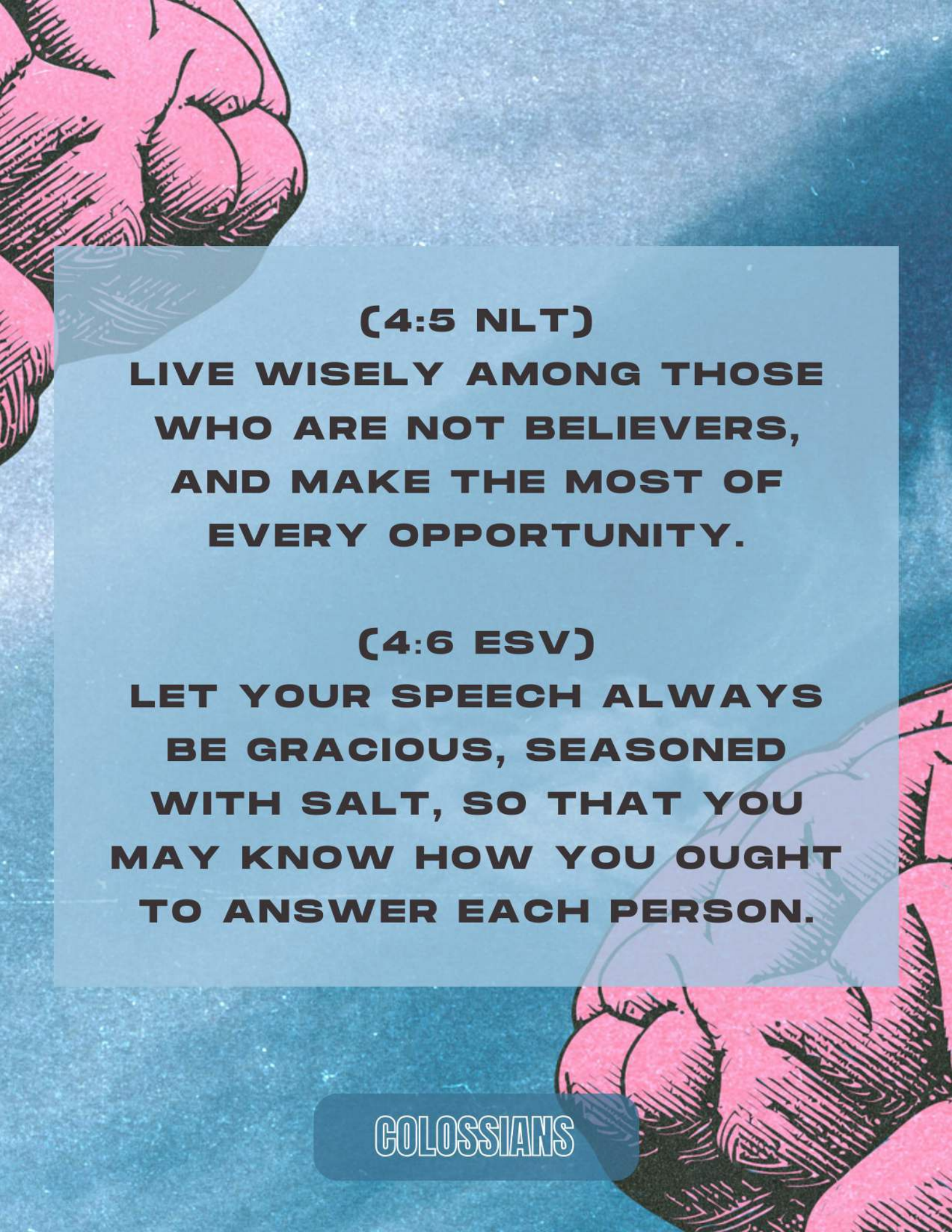
**PRAYER DEMANDS  
ONGOING ATTENTION,**

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–18 ESV  
REJOICE ALWAYS, [17] PRAY WITHOUT  
CEASING, [18] GIVE THANKS IN ALL  
CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL  
OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.**

**PRAYER IS NOT SUPPOSED TO  
BE CARELESS, OR WITHOUT  
PURPOSE OR INTENT.**

**WE SHOULD PRAY WITH  
SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND WITH  
DELIBERATE INTENT.**

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**(4:5 NLT)**  
**LIVE WISELY AMONG THOSE  
WHO ARE NOT BELIEVERS,  
AND MAKE THE MOST OF  
EVERY OPPORTUNITY.**

**(4:6 ESV)**  
**LET YOUR SPEECH ALWAYS  
BE GRACIOUS, SEASONED  
WITH SALT, SO THAT YOU  
MAY KNOW HOW YOU OUGHT  
TO ANSWER EACH PERSON.**

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## **MAIN POINTS**

- 1) PRAY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY**
  - 2) SEE THE OPPORTUNITY.**
  - 3) TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY.**
- (CAPITALIZE/ TAKE ADVANTAGE / MAKE THE MOST OF THE SITUATION)**



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**EPHESIANS 5:15–17 NLT**

**SO BE CAREFUL HOW YOU LIVE. DON'T LIVE LIKE FOOLS, BUT LIKE THOSE WHO ARE WISE. [16] MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY IN THESE EVIL DAYS.**

**[17] DON'T ACT THOUGHTLESSLY, BUT UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LORD WANTS YOU TO DO.**

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**1 PETER 3:14–15 CSB**

**BUT EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, YOU ARE BLESSED. DO NOT FEAR THEM OR BE INTIMIDATED, [15] BUT IN YOUR HEARTS REGARD CHRIST THE LORD AS HOLY, READY AT ANY TIME TO GIVE A DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO ASKS YOU FOR A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU.**

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# PERSONAL DISCUSSION

**Q. WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU OR CHALLENGED YOU ABOUT THE MESSAGE OR SCRIPTURE?**

**Q. WHAT IS PRAYER TO YOU?**

**Q. HOW OFTEN DO YOU PRAY AND WHAT DO YOU USUALLY PRAY FOR?**

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–18 ESV**  
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**Q. WHY IS PRAYER SUPPOSED TO BE AN ONGOING THING AND NOT JUST EVERY NOW AND THEN?**

**Q. DOES HOW WE PRAY & WHAT WE PRAY MATTER? (WHY OR WHY NOT)**

**Q. HOW CAN PRAYER EFFECT OUR LIVES?**

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# MESSAGE DISCUSSION

## READ COLOSSIANS 4:2

**Q. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ALERT OR WATCHFUL? GIVE EXAMPLES.**

**Q. DO YOU PRAY WITH ALERTNESS? HOW WOULD YOUR LIFE LOOK DIFFERENTLY IF YOU DID?**

**Q. DESCRIBE A THANKFUL PERSON. DESCRIBE AN UNGRATEFUL PERSON. SEE THE DIFFERENCE?**

**Q. PAUL TELLS US TO PRAY WITH THANKFULNESS. HOW DOES THIS CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE WHEN WE STAY FOCUSED ON BEING THANKFUL?**

## READ COLOSSIANS 4:3

**Q. DO YOU PRAY FOR GOD TO GIVE YOU OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS? WHY OR WHY NOT?**

**Q. HOW WOULD YOUR LIFE LOOK DIFFERENTLY IF YOU DID?**

## READ COLOSSIANS 4:5-6 | EPHESIANS 5:15-17 | 1 PETER 3:14-16

**Q. HOW DOES OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS EFFECT WHAT NON CHRISTIAN'S THINK ABOUT US? (GOOD AND BAD) WHY IS THIS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS CHRISTIAN'S NEED TO BE GOOD EXAMPLES IN?**

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