

Challenge 2 - Representing God's heart to others

Challenge Scenario:

You have a friend who is a believer but they are going through a time where they are doubting God and His love for them. You want to encourage them but you want to be sure that what you say truly represents God's heart for them.

Scripture Reading:

Read Colossians 1:1-2 in the "New Revised Standard Version" of the Bible. <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+1%3A1-2&version=NRSV>

Challenges:

1. Using the online resource link provided, study each word; saints, grace and peace. From the "Definition" section, notice the tabs for Thayer, Strong, and Mounce. Click on each tab to read each and then write a definition for each of the following in your own words.
 - Saints, <https://www.studylight.org/lexicons/greek/40.html>. Write your definition.
 - Grace, <https://www.studylight.org/lexicons/greek/5485.html>. Write your definition.
 - Peace, <https://www.studylight.org/lexicons/greek/1515.html>. Write your definition.
2. Reread verse 2 and focus on the phrases, "...in Christ" and "...from God our Father." To you, what is the significance of each of these?
 - "...in Christ"
 - "...from God our Father"

#Hack4Faith:

Write 4 faith phrases that are your takeaways from this challenge.

1. Phrase -
2. Phrase -
3. Phrase -

4. Phrase -

#YourFaith2Action:

Having a deeper insight into God's heart toward his saints, write 2 statements of encouragement that you can share with a friend.

1. Statement -
2. Statement -

Prayer:

Ask God for the opportunity and person that you can encourage this week.

Discussion Preparation:

- List any questions you would like to discuss.
- Identify 2 key discoveries you would like to share.

Online Resources:

- New Revised Standard Version of the Bible
- Greek Lexicon

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