

## ***Ephesians: Final Thoughts***

*(Ephesians 6:18-24)*

### **Watch & Pray (v. 18-20)**

- Paul's final word of instruction in this letter is focused on prayer
  - It is essential for the spiritual battles that believers face (v. 10-16)
- The Holy Spirit should lead our prayer life
  - That's what it means to pray "in/by the Spirit"
  - He directs us in how we pray & what we pray for
- We are called to be alert
  - Aware of our surroundings in a way that leads to selfless prayer
    - For fellow Christians who are undergoing spiritual battles too, even those we do not know
  - And for those on the front lines of ministry like Paul was
    - That they might declare the Gospel clearly and with boldness

### **Final Greetings (v. 21-24)**

- Paul ends the letter with instructions regarding Tychicus, Paul's trusted courier who was from the region of Asia Minor to which this letter was addressed (Acts 20:4; Col 4:7; 2 Tim 4:12; Tts 3:12)
- He ends the letter with the same words that opened it: Peace & Grace (1:2)

### **So What?**

- Are we prayer warriors?
  - Lifting up others in the battles they face
  - And those on the front lines of ministry
- We are going to begin looking at Jesus' instruction on prayer in the weeks to come

**Meditation Verse:** *Ephesians 6:18*

