

# GENESIS

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## 'Seize the Day'

([part IX of 'Colossians' – 9/02/12](#))

### Big Idea

Colossians has made clear that Jesus is worthy of all of us all of the time. What does an 'all of me, all of the time' life look like? It's a life that is...

1. **Dependant on Jesus** – this is most clearly seen in our prayer life, specifically that we are steadfast, watchful, thankful, and specific in our prayers.
2. **Continually engaging those who don't know Jesus** – we need to see all our interactions with non-believers as an opportunity to show them Jesus, because their understanding of God will largely be shaped by the Christians they interact with.
3. **Lived in the context of community with others who love Jesus** – we need others who love Jesus around us to encourage, challenge, inspire, bless and spur us on toward God, as we do the same for others.

### Discussion Questions

1. There is often a disconnect between what we affirm in our minds, and how we live. If we affirm that Jesus is worthy of all of us all of the time, then how is that showing up in your day to day life? What are some practical things that you are doing to continually live out what your mind affirms?
2. If a life of dependence on Jesus is most clearly seen in our prayer life, are you cultivating a life of prayer? What do you find yourself praying for most? Paul exhorts us to 'pray steadfastly', in other words, we are to be persistent in prayer. Why is it so difficult to pray persistently, and how might we grow in 'steadfast prayer'?
3. We are told by Paul to make the most of every opportunity with non-believers, to have gracious and salty speech. Meaning, every conversation and interaction with someone is an opportunity to be used by God to reach people for God. Are you making the most of every opportunity to be used by God to reach people for God? Do you see all interactions with non-believers as opportunities to share and demonstrate the love of God? Why is this lifestyle so scary for so many?
4. The theme of Colossians has been the reality that Jesus is greater than everything, if we have him, then we have all we need. Yet, many of us live our lives for less and smaller things. Tullian Tchividjian said it like this: *"The problem is, when I examine my heart honestly, I find many other things smaller than Jesus that I depend on, on a daily basis, to make my life go."* Can you relate? What 'smaller things' are you depending on to make your life go? How can we live out the reality that Jesus is all sufficient?

### Announcements –

- **Get Drenched** – Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – if you'd like to be baptized at Get Drenched 2012, please contact Michael Davis at [md4jc@genesisthejourney.com](mailto:md4jc@genesisthejourney.com) immediately.
- **PW Gopal in Concert** – GENESIS is pleased to announce that singer songwriter PW Gopal will be in concert at GENESIS on Sunday, September 16th at 7PM. Joining PW Gopal will be local artists Jim Trick and Joel Darling. It will be a powerful evening of song and stories. There will be a \$10 cover charge at the door.
- **GENESIS App** – keep up w/all things GENESIS by downloading the NEW GENESIS App – you can download the App for your iPhone (iPad/iTouch) or Droid device by going to: <http://get.thechurchapp.org/share/genesis>

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