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COLOSSIANS 4:3-5,12

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.....Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

II CORINTHIANS 3:9

We are God's *fellow workers*; you are God's field.

II CORINTHIANS 6:1

As God's *fellow workers* we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

JUDGES 5:23

Curse Meroz...because they did not come
to the help of the LORD, to the help of the
LORD against the mighty.

EZEKIEL 22:29-31

The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the foreigner, denying them justice. “I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one. So I will pour out my wrath on them....bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

I. There is No Magic and There Are No Formulas

JAMES 5:16

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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and There Are No Formulas**

II. The Nature of Faith

Faith isn't about *psychological* certainty;
it's about *covenantal faithfulness*
in the midst of uncertainty.

HEBREWS 11:1

Faith is the substantiating (*hypostasis*) of things hoped for, and the conviction (*elenchus*) of things unseen (Darby trans).

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**II. Your prayer was
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