

The Great Struggle
Colossians 2:1–5

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Main Idea: Ministry is a struggle that aims to see others stand firm in Christ.

- I. The Intensity of the Struggle (v. 1a)**
 - A. In Praying for Others
 - B. In Suffering for Others
 - C. In Proclaiming Christ to Others
- II. The Intention of the Struggle (vv. 1b–3)**
 - A. Encouraged in Heart
 - B. United in Love
 - C. Assured in Understanding
 - D. Deepen in Knowledge
- III. The Importance of the Struggle (vv. 4–5)**

Extending the Impact:

1. What illustration does Paul use in v. 1 to describe Christian ministry? What ancient, cultural background does “struggle” come from? How does that understanding shape how we view Christian ministry?
2. Why is ministry a great struggle? What factors might cause it to be such an intense struggle?
3. Are you engaged in the struggle to see others come to Christ and grow in Christ? What might be holding your back if not?
4. How can you struggle to see others become encouraged in heart?



5. How can you struggle to preserve unity within the church?
6. Where does assurance come from?
7. Explain the wealth that comes from a heart fully assured in Christ.
8. How can you struggle to see others grow in their assurance?
9. Discuss the dichotomy between how the world hunts for wisdom/knowledge and where the Bible says true wisdom/knowledge is found?
10. How do we struggle to see others deepen in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ?
11. Is false teaching always easy to spot (2:4)? How do we guard ourselves against it (2:5)?

