

# Grace & Peace

A Journey Through The Book of Colossians

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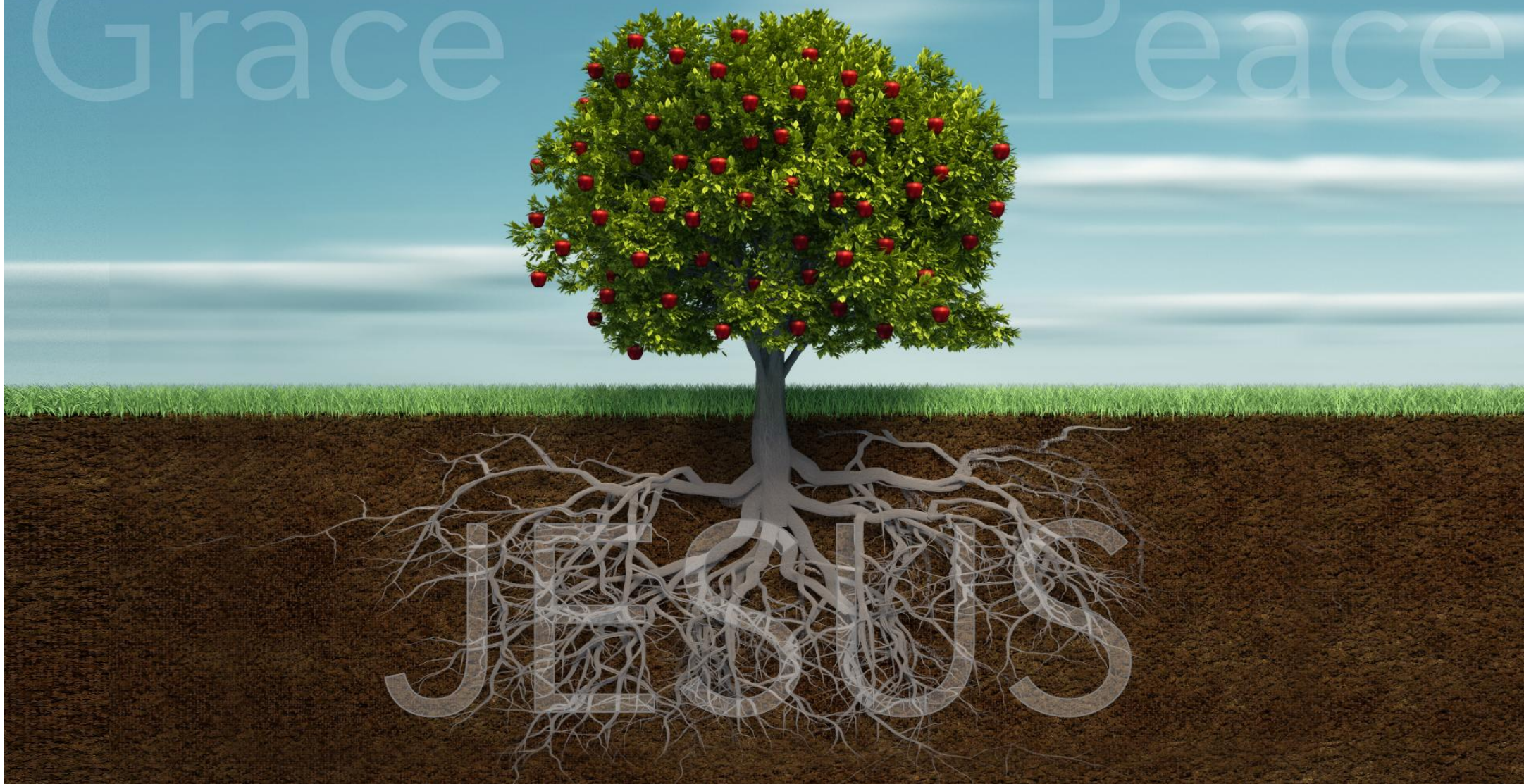


Session 8

# TEAM PEACE

Grace

Peace



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GRACE  
doesn't stop  
with you;  
it flows  
through you.

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# SOCIAL LIFE

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# HOME LIFE

A silhouette of a person stands on a dark horizon, holding a flashlight that beams a bright light across a starry night sky. The beam of light illuminates a semi-transparent rectangular box containing the text 'WORK LIFE'.

WORK  
LIFE

A person is silhouetted against a dark, starry night sky. They are standing on a dark, uneven horizon line. The person is holding a flashlight, which is turned on, casting a bright beam of light towards the right. The beam of light is wide and illuminates a large, semi-transparent rectangular box that contains the text "WORLD PEACE". The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with "WORLD" on the top line and "PEACE" on the bottom line. The background is a deep blue and purple night sky filled with numerous small, bright stars. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

WORLD  
PEACE



TEAM  
PEACE

## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> **Tychicus** will give you a full report  
about how I am getting along.  
He is a beloved brother and faithful helper  
who serves with me in the Lord's work.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>8</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose  
—to let you know how we are doing  
and to encourage you.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> I am also sending **Onesimus**,  
a faithful and beloved brother,  
one of your own people.  
He and Tychicus will tell you everything  
that's happening here.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> **Aristarchus**, who is in prison with me,  
sends you his greetings, and so does **Mark**,  
Barnabas's cousin.

As you were instructed before,  
make Mark welcome if he comes your way.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus (the one we call **Justus**)  
also sends his greetings.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

These are the only Jewish believers  
among my co-workers;  
they are working with me here  
for the Kingdom of God.  
And what a comfort they have been!



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> **Epaphras**, a member of your own fellowship  
and a servant of Christ Jesus,  
sends you his greetings.

He always prays earnestly for you, asking God  
to make you strong and perfect, fully confident  
that you are following the whole will of God.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> I can assure you that he prays hard for you  
and also for the believers in Laodicea  
and Hierapolis.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> **Luke**, the beloved doctor,  
sends his greetings,  
and so does **Demas**.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> Please give my greetings to our brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to **Nympha** and the church that meets in her house.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> After you have read this letter,  
pass it on to the church at Laodicea  
so they can read it, too.

And you should read the letter I wrote to them.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> And say to **Archippus**,  
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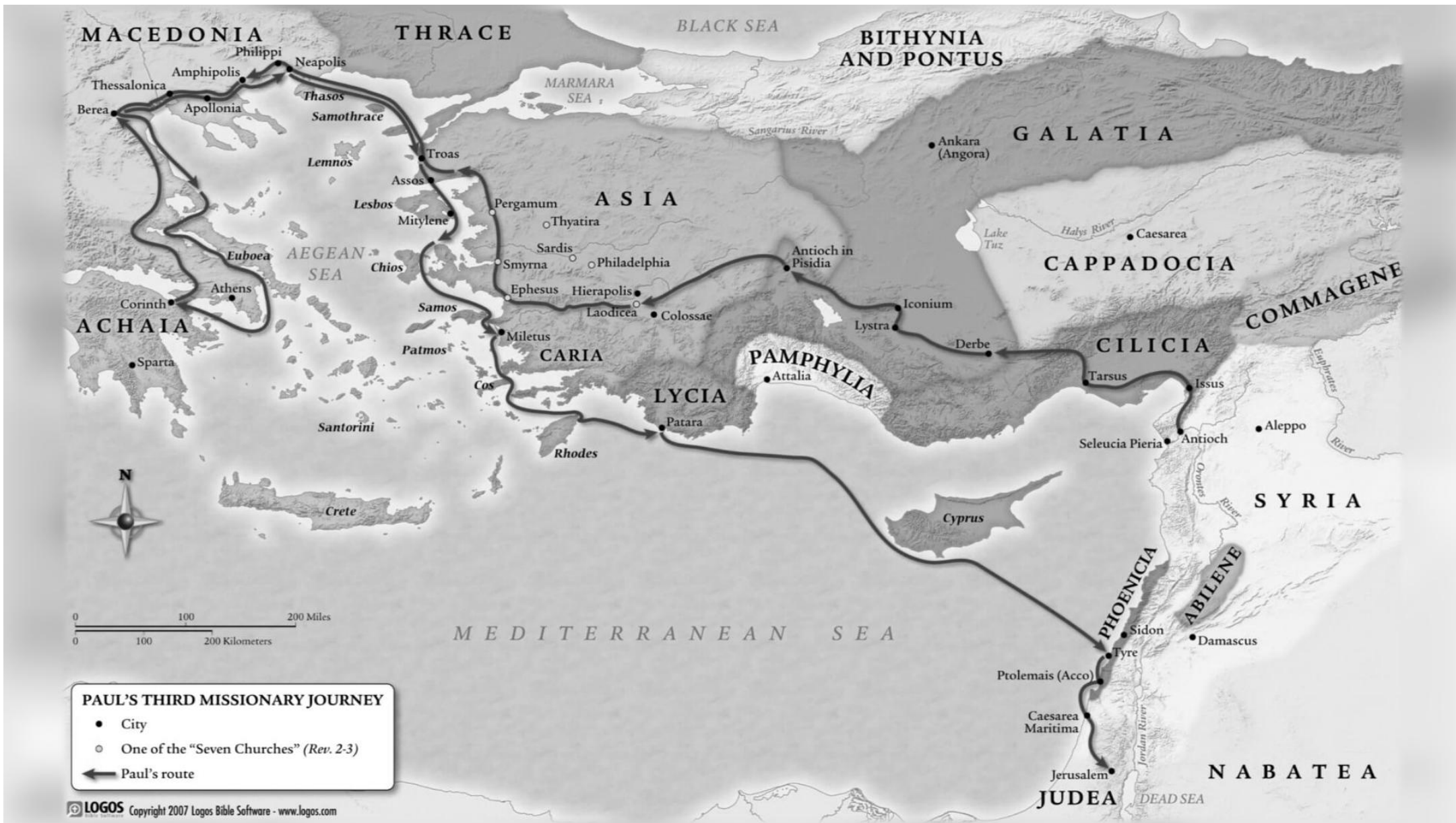
COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> HERE IS MY GREETING  
IN MY OWN HANDWRITING—PAUL.

Remember my chains.

May God's grace be with you.





# Gospel

TRANSFORMING POWER



Justus

Timothy

Luke

Mark

Nympha

Aristarchus

Onesimus

Archippus

Demas

Tychicus

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beloved doctor

faithful

beloved

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servant of  
Christ Jesus

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# BACKGROUND

Who were the people in Paul's team?



Epaphras

Philemon

Apostle Paul

Tychicus

Onesimus



## PHILEMON 1

<sup>1</sup> ...I am writing to Philemon,  
our beloved co-worker, <sup>2</sup> and to our sister  
Apphia, and to our fellow soldier Archippus,  
and to the church that meets in your house.



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# PROBLEM

What struggles obstruct the flow of peace in teamwork?



# WRONG MOTIVES

## PHILIPPIANS 1

<sup>12</sup> And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.



## PHILIPPIANS 1

<sup>13</sup> For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ.



## PHILIPPIANS 1

<sup>14</sup> And because of my imprisonment,  
most of the believers here  
have gained confidence and boldly speak  
God's message without fear.



## PHILIPPIANS 1

<sup>15</sup> It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. <sup>16</sup> They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News.



## PHILIPPIANS 1

<sup>17</sup> Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me.



## PHILIPPIANS 1

<sup>18</sup> But that doesn't matter.

Whether their motives are false or genuine,  
the message about Christ is being preached  
either way, so I rejoice.

And I will continue to rejoice.



## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup>...they are working with me here  
for the Kingdom of God.  
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GRACE  
&  
PEACE



A grayscale map of the Eastern Mediterranean region, including parts of the Balkans, the Middle East, and North Africa. The map shows major geographical features like the Mediterranean Sea, the Taurus and Zagros mountain ranges, and the Nile river. Various regions are labeled in all caps: MACEDONIA, THRACE, GALATIA, CAPPADOCIA, SYRIA, and ARABIA. A central black rectangular box with yellow borders on the top and bottom contains the title 'ETHNIC DIVISIONS' in white and yellow text. A legend box in the bottom left corner contains text that is mostly illegible but appears to include 'Legend', '1. City', '2. Major Ethnic Group Boundary', and '3. Ethnic Group'. A scale bar is also visible in the bottom left.

# ETHNIC DIVISIONS

## ACTS 11

<sup>1</sup> Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God.

<sup>2</sup> But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him.

<sup>3</sup> "You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!" they said.



## ACTS 16

<sup>2</sup> Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, <sup>3</sup> so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey.

In deference to the Jews of the area, he arranged for Timothy to be circumcised before they left, for everyone knew that his father was a Greek.



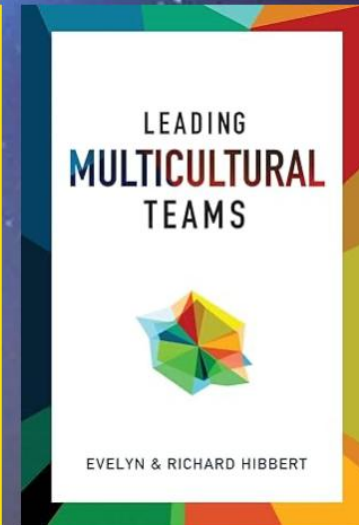
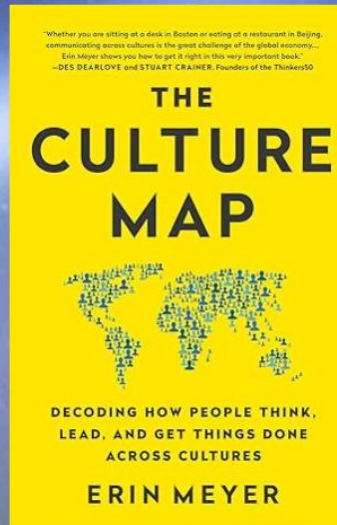
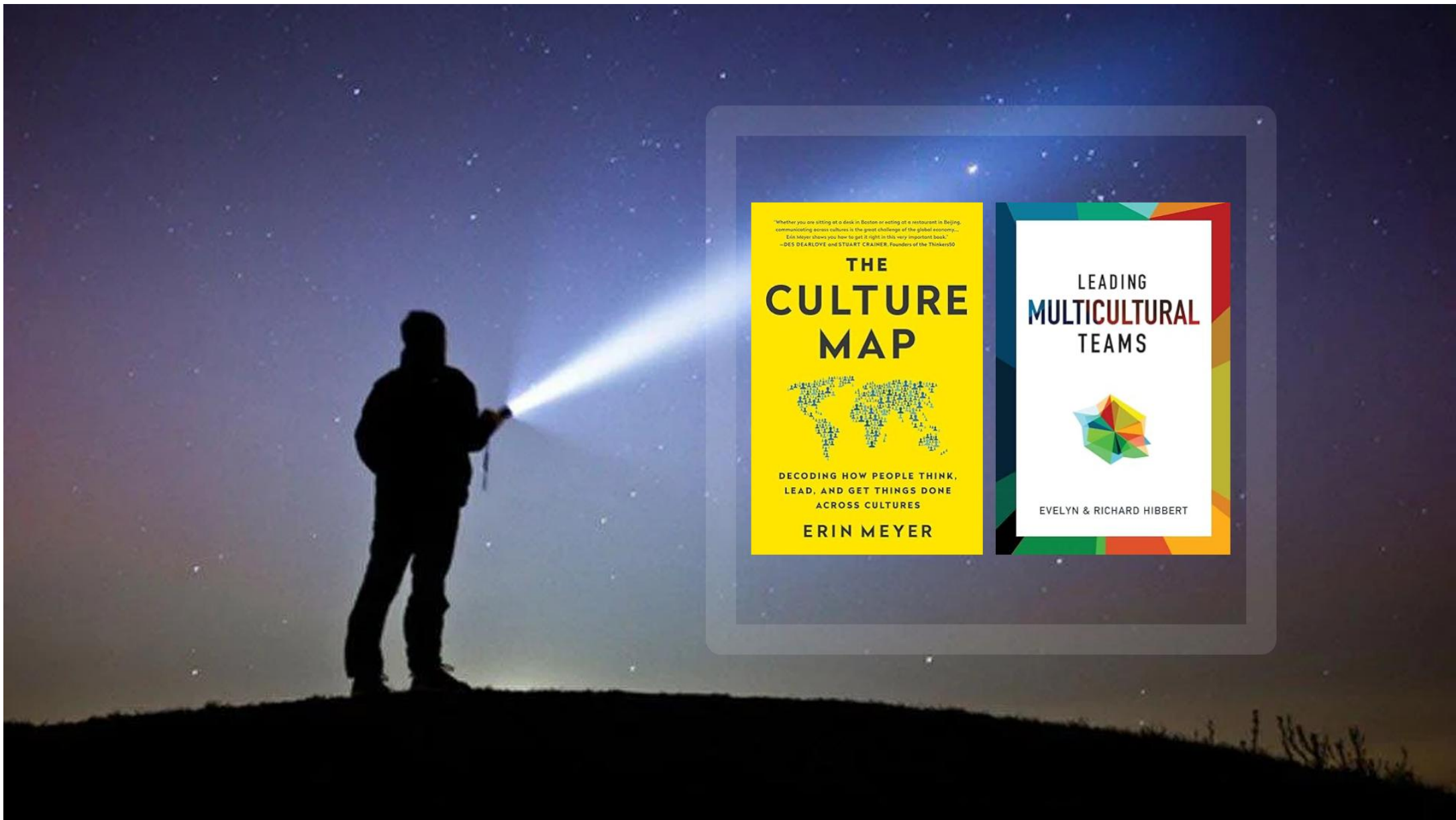
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# UNSOLVED TENSIONS

## ACTS 15

<sup>37</sup> Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work.



## ACTS 15

<sup>39</sup> Their disagreement was so sharp  
that they separated.

Barnabas took John Mark with him  
and sailed for Cyprus. <sup>40</sup> Paul chose Silas,  
and as he left, the believers entrusted him  
to the Lord's gracious care.



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## 2 TIMOTHY 4

<sup>9</sup> Timothy, please come as soon as you can.

<sup>10</sup> Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me.



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Wrong Motives  
Ethnic Divisions  
Unsolved tensions

## COLOSSIANS 4 (NLT)

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## EPHESIANS 4

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord,  
beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling,  
for you have been called by God.

<sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle.  
Be patient with each other, making allowance  
for each other's faults because of your love.





1. What is your motive?



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2. Is prejudice holding you back?



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2. Is prejudice holding you back?
3. What conflict is draining you?



- Personal Question -

**IS GRACE  
FLOWING  
THROUGH  
YOU?**



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WRONG MOTIVE  
ETHNIC DIVISIONS  
UNSOLVED TENSIONS