

## Hey, I Know Them!

*Read Colossians 4:7-12*

At the close of Paul's letters, he often attaches personal greetings to those he knows at the other end, or from those traveling with him. For years I thought of these messages as graffiti, as passing personal scribbles on magnificent, timeless documents.

But recently while finishing the book of Colossians, I began to notice how he referred to his friends, those working with him:

dear brother  
faithful minister  
fellow servant in the Lord  
fellow workers in the kingdom of God  
a comfort to me

As I read those phrases, it struck me: Hey, I know them! I was reminded of one Christian friend after another, especially fellow workers. The list got longer and longer. If I were to describe each of them and their relationships to me, I'd have to use the same terms Paul uses.

There are many whom I've come to appreciate and trust deeply as fellow servants of Christ. They are an integral part of my life and service, yet I tend to take them for granted.

Right now, think of those brothers and sisters in Christ who are a part of your life. Using only three or four words, how would you label each of them?

When we get to heaven and gain an eternal perspective, I believe we'll realize that some of the greatest blessings God gave us while here on earth were people – people close to us each day, people that surround us every time we enter God's house.

Thank the Lord for them. Treat them like precious gifts of God, for that's exactly what they are!

*Father of love,  
thank You for weaving  
our hearts and lives together with  
so many people who are  
beautiful in Your love.  
What a magnificent gift!*

**Hymn: [I Thank the Lord for You](http://lnwhymns.com/Hymn.aspx?ID=23)**  
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