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Four Traits of a Missional Prayer Life

Colossians 4:2-4

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² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ 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. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

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Trait #1 A Missional Prayer
Life Prioritizes Prayer.

*² DEVOTE yourselves to
prayer, being watchful and
thankful.*

A group of mountaineers are seen from behind, ascending a steep, snow-covered mountain slope. They are wearing colorful gear and carrying large backpacks. The background features jagged, snow-dusted mountain peaks under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

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Trait #2 A Missional Prayer
Life Prays for Gospel
Opportunities.

³ *And pray for us, too, that God may
OPEN A DOOR for our message.*

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OPEN A DOOR

1) Impact

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OPEN A DOOR

- 1) Impact
- 2) Location



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Unengaged, Unreached People Groups

3,157 people groups
280M people

-International Mission Board, 2019 Report





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Are you praying for gospel opportunities?

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Trait #3 A Missional Prayer Life
Prays for Gospel Clarity.

*⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it
CLEARLY, as I should.*

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1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

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1 Corinthians 15:1-4

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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Trait #4 A Missional Prayer Life
Does NOT Waste Gospel
Circumstances.

v.3b *so that we may proclaim the
mystery of Christ, for which I AM IN
CHAINS*

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Philippians 1:12-14

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

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Philippians 4:22

All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

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2,625 Christians detained without trial,
arrested, sentenced and imprisoned.

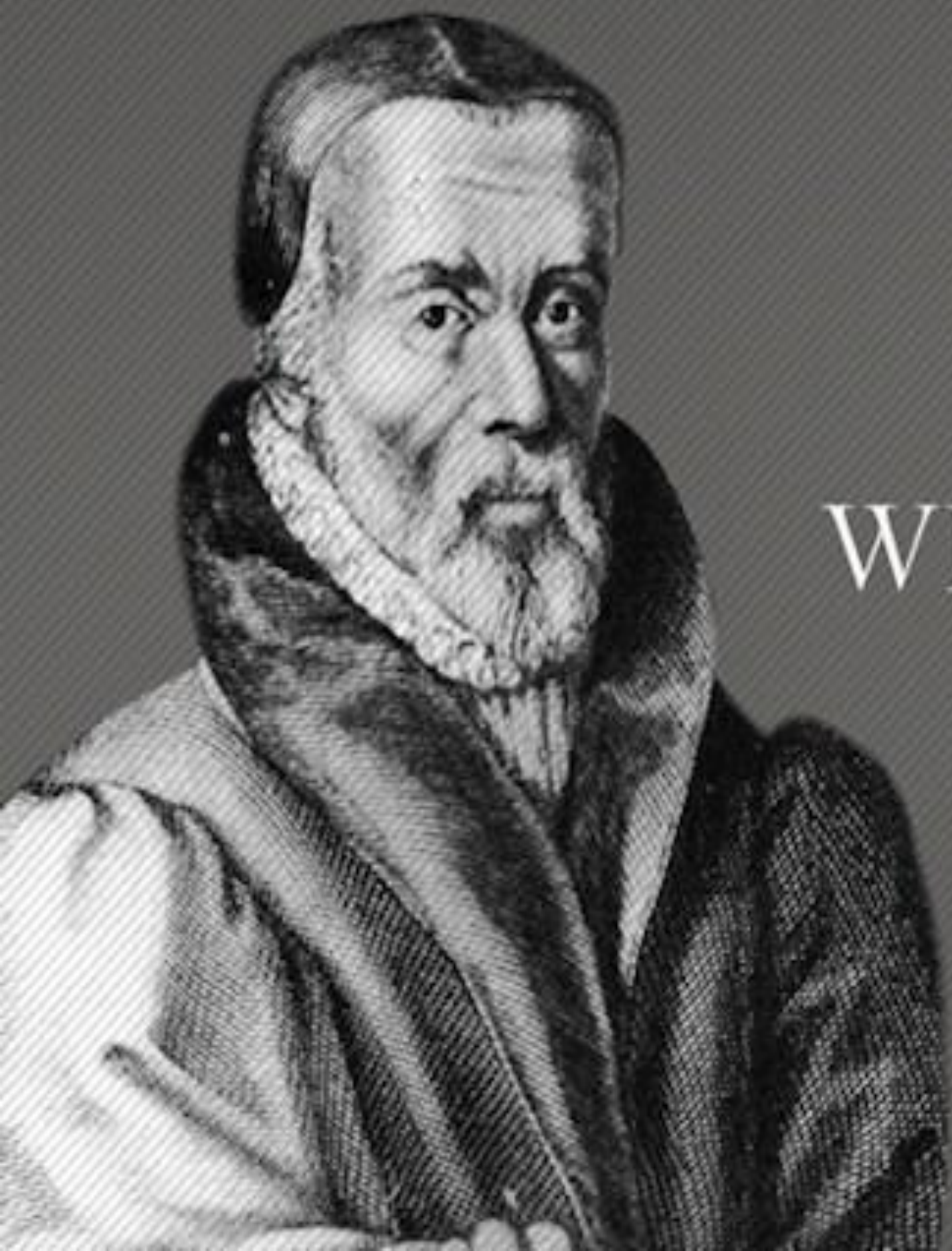
1 in 9 Christians worldwide experience high
levels of persecution

OpenDoorsUSA.org, 2019 Report

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What if every setback is a
set-up?



WILLIAM TYNDALE
1494–1536

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Seeing your circumstances
through the lens of God's
purposes requires prayer.

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A Missional Prayer Life...

#1 Prioritizes Prayer

#2 Prays for Gospel Opportunities

#3 Prays for Gospel Clarity

#4 Doesn't Waste Gospel Circumstances

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Congregational Prayer

- 1) For Gospel Opportunities
- 2) For Gospel Clarity
- 3) For Gospel Circumstances