**Lockdown Lessons** | *Timeout: Experiencing God In Life’s Disruptions*

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*Life Under Lockdown . . .*

*The Apostle Paul, in house arrest in Rome, writes the letter of Colossians . . .*

*Lockdown Lessons for the idolatry of “self” . . .*

**1) Learn Your Lockdown Lessons**

 Colossians 2:6-8

 Colossians 3:1-14

 The book of Colossians is theological AND practical:

* What Christ has done **FOR** us
* What Christ wants to do **IN** us and **THROUGH** us

**2) Transfer Your Hope**

Colossians 1:21-23

Colossians 2:13-15

* Look **INWARD**, but also **UPWARD** and **OUTWARD**
* Receive hope/love/joy/grace from Christ, and channel it to others

**3) Shift Your Christian Fellowship Into Overdrive**

 Colossians 3:15-17

* Connect / Care / Communicate / Check-In
* **Don’t “Play Church”** or take Christian community for granted
* Let’s be intentional about **“Radical One-Anothering”**

It is easily forgotten that the fellowship of Christian brethren is a gift of grace, a gift of the Kingdom of God that any day may be taken from us, that the time that still separates us from utter loneliness may be brief indeed. Therefore, let him who until now has had the privilege of living a common Christian life with other Christians praise God’s grace from the bottom of his heart. Let him thank God on his knees and declare: It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren.

 **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together***