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"Unrivaled"
Colossians

1. Jesus is the Unrivaled **MASTER** of all life (1:15-20; 2:3).
2. Jesus has an Unrivaled **OFFER** for any life (1:5-6, 12-13, 21-23; 2:6-23).
3. Jesus is to be the Unrivaled **FOCUS** of your life (1:2, 28; 3:1-4:5).

Family Time

Have each family member name a favorite historical or fictional character, sports hero, etc. Why is he/she your favorite? What makes him/her special, powerful, or exceptional? Who is his/her main rival or competition? What has he/she done for you? Now read Colossians, ch.1. Does Jesus have an equal rival? Why or why not? What has Jesus done for you? Jesus certainly is an unrivaled hero isn't He?

For Further Study, Thought and Discussion

1. On the basis of Colossians 1:15-23, make a list of as many things as you can think of over which Jesus is unrivaled (you can stop when your hand gets tired). If you have access, watch www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeKgfUGtc10 ("The Supremacy of Christ"; warning...there may be ads), and spend some time in prayerful praise to Jesus.
2. The letter to the Colossians is Paul's encouragement to that church to stay rooted in Christ and not give in to the empty offers of false teachers (ch. 2:8-23). If Paul were writing to the church in America today, what false teachings would he warn against? What would he say about Christ to encourage the church to stay rooted in Jesus?
3. In Colossians 3-4, Paul outlines how a life in Christ and seeking Christ is different (and better!) than the empty life offered by the false teachers. How have you seen your life improve when you have sought to be near to Christ and what

is important to Him? How has it worsened when you didn't? How can you train yourself to set your mind on things that are important to Jesus (cf. ch. 3)?

4. Read the entire letter to the Colossians. Every time "Jesus" or "Christ" is mentioned, write down the reference and what is said about Him. As you look over the list, is there any area of your life where a life in Christ doesn't somehow touch or affect? What does that mean for how you plan each day?