

REJOICE

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PHILIPPIANS

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PROPER PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

Philippians 1:1-11

NOTES:

View One Another From the Place of Shared Identity and Purpose (1:1-2)

Phil. 1:1 *Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Keep Partnership in the Gospel Central to Your Relationships Among Believers (1:3-7)

1. Our shared joy and gratitude derive from our shared purpose.

Phil. 1:3 *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

2. Our confidence in mutual growth and effectiveness flows from God's ability.

Phil. 1:6 *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

3. Our union in God's grace allows partnership – regardless of the circumstances.

Phil. 1:7 *It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.*

Keep partnership in the gospel central to your prayers for one another (1:8-11)

1. Pray that fellow believers increase in love marked by truth...

Phil. 1:8 *For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,*

2. ... so that the life of Christ is increasingly evident...

Phil. 1:10 *so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,*

3. ... and thus, producing fruit for Jesus' kingdom.

Phil. 1:11 *filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

Extra Assignment: What Did Paul's Prayer Requests Look Like?

Take time this week to read the following passages where Paul asks for specific prayer requests (Romans 15:30-32; 2 Cor. 1:10-11; Ephesians 6:18-20; Col. 4:2-4; 2 Thess. 3:1-2). Take note of Paul's purposes for these requests. How would you characterize them in view of Paul's mission-mindedness?

Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) Can you articulate your identity in, and purpose for, the gospel? What can you do in 2025 to grow in your understanding?
- 2) How would you characterize your relationships with fellow believers? Do you have people in your life that help keep you gospel/mission focused? If not, how can you change that?
- 3) What patterns do you have in your life that promote your praying for other believers? Do you follow Paul's example to pray for deeper partnership in the gospel for your brothers and sisters in Christ?

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BUDGET

Giving Last Week (12/23-12/29): \$127,363.49
Year End Giving (12/30-12/31): \$34,475.71
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$2,004,978.30
YTD General Need: \$1,992,744.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (12/30): \$201,738.98

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