The Power Of Partnership
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What is the greatest example of partnership that you have ever experienced? (click HERE for a fun example of horses accomplishing a lot together!)

Paul believed deeply in the power of partnership. His appreciation for his partners in ministry is evident in three of his prayers which we have studied:

- "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." - Ephesians 1:16
- "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you." - Colossians 1:3
- "I always thank God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus." - I Corinthians 1:4

In **Philippians 1:1-11** Paul showed us how to pray for those who serve God with us. Read this passage with "partnership" in mind.

As you read this passage, can you think of the people who you could describe as "partners in the Gospel"?

DIG

What can you learn about Paul's connection with the church in Philippi from his greeting in verses 1-2?

According to verses 3-5, what was at the root of his appreciation for the believers in Philippi?

Paul could have brought to mind a lot of painful memories from when he was beaten and jailed in Philippi. But he was thankful. Why?

Ponder the way in which Paul prayed for the Philippian church:

➡ "always" ➡ "joyfully"

As part of their partnership, the Philippians had sent a financial gift to Paul. Read Philippians 4:10-18. How does Paul say thanks? What does he desire for the ones who had given this gift?

What was it about the Philippian believers that gave Paul so much assurance according to verse 6?

In verses 7-8 Paul expressed his deep affection for the Christians in Philippi. Why did he "long for them"?

How had the Philippians "participated" in the imprisonment of Paul? See the story in Acts 16:22-40

In what ways were they "partners" in grace with Paul (verse 7)?

How had the Philippian church shared the challenge of ministry with Paul (see 4:3)?

Paul's prayer was that the Philippian believers would abound in two things. He prayed that they would grow in…

L_____ - verse 9 D_____ - verses 10-11

REFLECT

So…what do you think about the power of partnership? How do we partner with other believers today for the work of the Gospel?

Is it possible to be in ministry partnership but remain cold and distant?

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You can read the other prayers of Paul in the following passages:

- ➡ Romans 1:8-12; 15:5-6,13,33
- ➡ Ephesians 3:14-21
- ➡ II Thess 1:11-12; 2:16-17; 3:5
- ➡ Colossians 1:3-12
- ➡ I Corinthians 1:4-7
- ➡ I Thess 3:11-13; 5:23-24
- ➡ Philippians 1:3-11
- ➡ I Timothy 1:17; 6:15-16