



PARTNERSHIP

DAILY DEVOTIONAL | MONDAY 11/9

MEMORY VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

READING CHALLENGE

Read the book of Philippians each day this week! (It is only 4 chapters and will take less than 15 minutes!)

PERSONAL REFLECTION

You are challenged to read through the entire book of Philippians each and every day this week so that you can be immersed in the relationship that Paul developed with this special group of people. Paul has a deep love for the Philippian church, and says that their partnership in the gospel brings him joy every time he remembers them.

- When have you experienced joy because of the fellowship you have with other Christ-followers?

As you read Philippians, observe and note all the words or phrases that indicate a genuine, loving relationship between Paul and the people who make up the church in Philippi.

- What do you learn from these words and phrases about Paul's relationship with these people?
- Why does their relationship matter? What is he able to say to them or ask of them because he knows them well?
- Who are you building real and meaningful relationships with inside (or outside!) of LifeWay? How are you using those relationships for partnership, accountability, discipleship, and growth in Christ?
- Spend some time looking over the Partner in Purpose section of this year's Commitment Card.
- Pray for God's direction in how he might want to grow you in this area.

OPTIONAL—GOING DEEPER: If you have time, go back and look at Acts 16.

- What do you learn about the start of Paul's relationship with the church in Philippi?
- What was new or surprising to you?
- How does this background affect your understanding of Paul's statement in Philippians 1:4 about their partnership in the gospel "from the first day until now"?

GROUP DISCUSSION

In Heather's devotional video, she talked about partnering in purpose. As a family or a group, discuss the big-picture purpose God has for us.

- How would you summarize Jesus' points in Matthew 22:37-40 and Matthew 28:18-20?
- How do those passages differ? How do they fit together?
- What does it look like to live out those purposes right now in our everyday lives (at school, at home, at work, with our friends and neighbors)? Let each person in the family or group share an idea.

Paul writes in Philippians 1:27, "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel..."

- What could it look like for your family or group to "strive together as one for the faith of the gospel"?
- What could it look like for your family or group to partner in purpose with other Christ-followers?
- Pray together for unity of purpose and for an attitude of partnership in your family/group.