



## PHILIPPIANS 1:1-8

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.

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. 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. 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. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “partnership”? Before hearing this sermon, is this a word you would have used to describe your relationship with your brothers and sisters in Christ?
2. How is gospel partnership distinct or different from the kinds of partnership that you have experienced or seen in our culture?
3. What is the source of Paul’s heart-felt affection for others? How can we grow in this heart-felt affection for others?
4. How does our “common salvation” contribute to the perseverance of gospel partnership in the midst of conflict or hard circumstances?
5. As you reflect on this week’s sermon, what is one aspect of your faith that you could seek to grow in? What is something that really encouraged you in your faith?