

# What Matters Most

## RELATIONSHIPS

### Philippians 1:1-11

#### 5 Ways To Encourage The People Around Us

##### Outline:

1. Pray for Each other (4)
2. Partner Together (5)
3. Provide Vision (6)
4. Participate in Life's Ups and Downs (7-8)
5. Point each other to . . . (9-11)
  - a. Love - abundant growth - "more and more"
  - b. Knowledge - spiritual wisdom found in the word of God
  - c. Discernment - application of spiritual wisdom
  - d. Righteousness - fruit that flows out of our relationship with God

##### Discussion Questions:

1. How often do you pray for your friends?
2. Paul talks about the great team at Philippi in verse 5 that was special to him since day 1 of their ministry together (v. 7a). Their team was unified behind the gospel in the good times and challenging times of their ministry together (v. 7b). Have you been on any great teams? If so, what were the characteristics that made the team so special?
3. In Philippians 1:8-11 Paul points to 4 characteristics of a great team member. Why do you think he started his list with love for each other? (Read John 13:35)
4. Commit to encouraging three people today by texting them, emailing them, or calling them. Make your goal to encourage them and help them see themselves like Jesus sees them.

*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.*

*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.*

*9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

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