

## Grace and Grit

June 29th, 2025

### PHILIPPIANS SUMMER SERIES

This summer, we're journeying together through the book of Philippians—a letter full of joy, encouragement, and deep insight into living a Christ-centred life.

Each day, you'll read one chapter of Philippians (Day 1: Chapter 1, Day 2: Chapter 2, Day 3: Chapter 3, Day 4: Chapter 4). Then, on Day 5, you'll read the entire book in one sitting. Along the way, we'll also highlight specific verses or related Scripture passages to help you go further in your reflection.

Our hope is that by revisiting the whole letter regularly, you'll grow in your grasp of its message and see more clearly how each part fits into the whole. Whether you're reading alone or with others, we pray this devotional strengthens your faith and draws you closer to Christ.

### DAY 1: UNSHAKABLE JOY IN PARTNERSHIP

#### READING: PHILIPPIANS 1 (FOCUSING ON PHILIPPIANS 1:1-6)

Paul's opening words to the Philippians overflow with joy, not because his circumstances were easy, but because he recognized the power of partnership in the gospel. As you read, reflect on your own "partnerships" in faith. Who has God placed in your life to encourage and support you? How might you be that support for others?

Remember, our joy isn't rooted in perfect circumstances, but in our shared mission of spreading the good news of Jesus. Today, reach out to a fellow believer and express gratitude for your gospel partnership.

### DAY 2: GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN OUR JOURNEY

#### READING: PHILIPPIANS 2 AND PHILIPPIANS 1:6-11

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." What a powerful promise! God isn't finished with us yet. Our spiritual growth isn't dependent solely on our efforts, but on God's faithful work in our lives. Think about your own faith journey. Where have you seen God's hand shaping and molding you? What areas of your life still need His transformative touch?

Trust that even in challenging seasons, God is at work, bringing about His good purposes. Today, surrender an area of struggle to God, confident in His ability to complete what He's started in you.

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### **DAY 3: JOY AMIDST ADVERSITY**

**READING: PHILIPPIANS 3 AND PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18**

Paul writes from imprisonment, yet he sees even this hardship as an opportunity for the gospel to advance. His perspective challenges us to look beyond our immediate circumstances to see God's bigger picture. What difficulties are you facing right now? How might God be using these challenges for a greater purpose?

Paul found joy knowing that, regardless of others' motives, Christ was being preached. Today, ask God to give you His perspective on your current situation, and to help you find joy in His ongoing work.

### **DAY 4: LIVING WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL**

**READING: PHILIPPIANS 4 AND PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30**

Paul urges the Philippians to live in a manner worthy of the gospel, standing firm in unity and faith despite opposition. This call resonates just as strongly today. In a world that often opposes Christian values, how can we stand firm? What does it look like to live "worthy of the gospel" in your daily life?

Remember, we're not just called to believe the gospel, but to embody it. Today, identify one way you can more fully align your actions with your faith, even if it means facing some opposition.

### **DAY 5: THE MIND OF CHRIST**

**READING: PHILIPPIANS 1-4 (FOCUSING ON PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11)**

This beautiful passage describes Christ's humility and sacrifice, setting the ultimate example for how we should view ourselves and others. Reflect on the astounding truth that Jesus, being in very nature God, made Himself nothing for our sake. How does this challenge your own attitudes and actions? Where in your life do you need to cultivate more humility and selflessness?

Today, look for an opportunity to put someone else's needs before your own, following Christ's example of sacrificial love.