

# **Philippians Daily Walk**

## **Theme 1: Encouragement**

### **Day 2 — Philippians 1:6**

#### **Theme: God Finishes What He Starts**

#### **Key Verse:**

*"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."* — Philippians 1:6

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#### **Introduction**

Have you ever started a project but never finished it? Most of us have unfinished tasks, goals, and dreams. Sometimes we even feel like unfinished people. We see our flaws, failures, weaknesses, and struggles and wonder if we will ever become the person God wants us to be.

Philippians 1:6 offers one of the greatest promises in Scripture. Paul reminds believers that God is not finished with them. The Christian life is not about perfection but transformation. God begins the work of salvation, and He faithfully continues the work of spiritual growth.

Paul writes these words to encourage believers who may have felt discouraged, uncertain, or inadequate. His

confidence was not in their ability to change themselves but in God's ability to complete what He had started.

This verse reminds us that God is both the Author and the Finisher of our faith.

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## **Scripture Focus**

### **Philippians 1:6**

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## **Historical Context**

Paul was writing to the believers in Philippi, a church he deeply loved. He had witnessed God transform many lives there, including Lydia, the Philippian jailer, and others who had become faithful followers of Christ (Acts 16).

The Philippians were not perfect believers. They faced challenges, persecution, disagreements, and spiritual struggles. Yet Paul expressed confidence because he knew their future rested in God's hands.

Paul understood that salvation is not merely a moment—it is a lifelong process of becoming more like Christ.

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## **What This Passage Teaches Us**

### **1. God Is the One Who Begins the Work**

Paul says, "He who began a good work in you."

Our relationship with God starts with God's initiative.

Before we sought Him, He was seeking us.

Before we loved Him, He loved us.

### **Supporting Scripture**

*"We love because He first loved us."* — 1 John 4:19

### **Application**

Reflect on your faith journey. Where have you seen God's hand drawing you closer to Him?

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### **2. God's Work Is Good**

Paul calls it a "good work."

God's work in our lives is designed to:

- Transform our hearts
- Renew our minds
- Develop Christlike character
- Prepare us for His purposes

Even difficult seasons can become part of God's good work.

### **Supporting Scripture**

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." — Romans 8:28*

### **Application**

What difficult circumstance might God be using to shape your faith today?

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## **3. Spiritual Growth Is a Process**

The Christian life is not instant maturity.

God grows us step by step.

Just as a seed becomes a tree over time, believers grow through seasons of learning, obedience, failure, repentance, and renewal.

### **Supporting Scripture**

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." — 2 Peter 3:18*

## **Application**

Are you frustrated by areas where you still struggle? How does this verse encourage patience with yourself and others?

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## **4. God Does Not Abandon His Work**

One of the greatest truths in this verse is God's faithfulness.

People may quit.

We may quit.

But God never quits.

When God starts something, He remains committed to completing it.

## **Supporting Scripture**

*"The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me." — Psalm 138:8*

## **Application**

What unfinished area of your life needs to be surrendered back to God's care?

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## **5. The Goal Is Christlikeness**

Paul says God will continue His work "until the day of Christ Jesus."

The ultimate goal of spiritual growth is becoming more like Jesus.

God's purpose is not merely to make us successful, comfortable, or happy.

His purpose is to make us holy and Christlike.

### **Supporting Scripture**

*"For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son."* — Romans 8:29

### **Application**

How is God currently teaching you to reflect the character of Jesus?

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## **Biblical Examples of God Finishing His Work**

### **Noah**

God spent decades preparing Noah before the flood came. The work was slow, but God completed His purpose.

**Reference:** Genesis 6–9

## **Joseph**

Joseph endured betrayal, slavery, and imprisonment before God fulfilled His plan.

**Reference:** Genesis 37–50

## **Moses**

Forty years in the wilderness prepared Moses for leadership.

**Reference:** Exodus 3

## **Peter**

Peter denied Jesus three times, yet God restored him and used him to lead the early church.

**Reference:** John 21

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## **Life Lessons**

### **God's Delays Are Not God's Denials**

Sometimes growth feels slow because God is working beneath the surface.

### **Failure Is Not Final**

Peter failed, yet God continued His work in him.

## **Growth Often Happens Gradually**

Spiritual maturity develops through daily obedience.

## **God Sees the Finished Product**

We often focus on our imperfections. God sees what we are becoming.

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## **Discussion Questions**

1. What does Paul mean by "the good work" God began in us?
  2. Why is it important to remember that God initiates our salvation?
  3. How have you seen spiritual growth in your life over time?
  4. What areas of your life still feel unfinished?
  5. Why do people often become discouraged in their faith journey?
  6. How does this verse help us trust God's timing?
  7. What character trait is God currently developing in you?
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## **Personal Reflection**

Think about where you were spiritually five years ago.

- How have you grown?
- What has God taught you?
- What prayers has He answered?
- What struggles has He brought you through?

Thank God for the progress He has made, even if the journey is not complete.

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## **Weekly Challenge**

Each day this week:

1. Write down one area where you see God working in your life.
2. Thank Him for His faithfulness.
3. Ask Him to continue shaping you into the image of Christ.

Keep a journal of how God is growing you over time.

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## **Closing Prayer**

**Father, thank You for beginning a good work in me. When I become discouraged by my failures, remind me that You are not finished with me. Help me trust Your timing, Your process, and Your purpose.**

**Continue shaping my heart, renewing my mind, and making me more like Jesus. Thank You for Your faithfulness to complete what You have started. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### **Key Takeaway**

**God loves us too much to leave us where we are. The God who began His work in us is faithful to finish it.**