



PARTNERSHIPS

— THAT SEND —
THE GOSPEL FORWARD



PENTECOST EVERY DAY

Partnerships That Send the Gospel Forward

Key Scripture

Philippians 1:3-5 (KJV)

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;"

Introduction

The gospel has never advanced through the efforts of one person alone.

Throughout Scripture, God has chosen to work through people who unite their faith, prayers, resources, and efforts around His mission. This biblical principle is called **partnership**.

Partnership is more than financial support. It is active participation in the mission of God.

The Apostle Paul repeatedly thanked churches and believers who partnered with him in spreading the gospel. Although they did not travel with him, preach every sermon, or plant every church, they shared in the ministry through prayer, encouragement, giving, and faithful support.

The same principle remains true today.

Every believer can participate in God's mission.

Every church can help send the gospel forward.

Every partnership helps create opportunities for Pentecost Every Day.

1. Pentecost Every Day Begins with Partnership

Philippians 1 teaches that the church at Philippi was a partner in the gospel.

The word translated "fellowship" comes from the Greek word *koinonia*, which means participation, sharing, partnership, or joint involvement.

Biblical partnership means:

- Joining ourselves to God's mission
- Sharing responsibility for gospel advancement
- Participating in the work beyond our immediate location
- Investing our prayers, resources, and faith in the harvest

Partnership transforms spectators into participants.

The mission of God was never intended to be observed from a distance. God invites every believer to become actively involved.

Key Truth

Partnership is the pathway to Pentecost Every Day.

2. Partnership Has Always Been God's Plan

Throughout Scripture, God works through people.

Noah partnered with God by building the ark.

Abraham partnered with God by obeying His call.

Moses partnered with God by leading Israel.

The prophets partnered with God by declaring His message.

The apostles partnered with God by spreading the gospel.

The church continues that partnership today.

The Great Commission was not given to missionaries alone.

Jesus gave it to His church.

Mark 16:15

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Some are called to go.

Others are called to send.

Some pray.

Some give.

Some encourage.

Some serve.

Some mobilize.

But every believer has a role in God's mission.

Key Truth

The mission belongs to all of us.

3. The Local Church Is God's Sending Base

The New Testament pattern is clear.

Missionaries are sent from local churches.

Acts 13 records the church at Antioch praying, fasting, and sending Barnabas and Saul into ministry.

The missionary journey began in the prayer room of a local church.

Before there was a missionary on the field:

- There was a church that prayed.
- There was a church that believed.

- There was a church that gave.
- There was a church that sent.

The local church remains God's primary strategy for world evangelism.

Every revival story has people behind it.

Every church plant has people behind it.

Every missionary has people behind them.

Partnership connects local churches to the global harvest.

Key Truth

The local church is God's sending base.

4. Partnership Is More Than Giving

Financial support is important.

The gospel cannot be carried around the world without resources.

However, biblical partnership is much broader than financial contributions.

Partnership Through Prayer

Prayer prepares hearts before the gospel arrives.

Prayer opens doors that missionaries cannot open themselves.

Prayer strengthens laborers in difficult places.

Prayer invites God's power into the mission.

Partnership Through Encouragement

Missionaries often face:

- Language barriers
- Cultural adjustments

- Isolation
- Spiritual opposition

Encouragement reminds them they are not serving alone.

A note, email, text message, or conversation can become a powerful source of strength.

Partnership Through Participation

Partnership may include:

- Hosting missionaries
- Participating in missions conferences
- Going on short-term ministry trips
- Teaching missions in the local church
- Promoting missions awareness
- Supporting evangelistic initiatives

Partnership Through Giving

Giving allows believers to participate in ministry beyond their own location.

Jesus taught:

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Giving connects our hearts to God's mission.

Key Truth

Partnership involves prayer, encouragement, participation, and giving.

5. Partnership Multiplies Ministry

One individual can only do so much alone.

Partnership multiplies influence and expands reach.

The Apostle Paul planted churches across the Roman world, yet he repeatedly acknowledged the churches and believers who stood behind him.

They shared in the ministry.

The same principle applies today.

Behind every missionary are:

- Praying churches
- Faithful pastors
- Generous believers
- Missions supporters
- Kingdom partners

Together they accomplish what none could accomplish alone.

Partnership Multiplies:

- Ministry
- Influence
- Resources
- Opportunities
- Harvest

Key Truth

Together we can do more than we could ever do alone.

6. Partnership Produces Pentecost Every Day

The vision of Pentecost Every Day is simple:

Every person deserves an opportunity to hear the gospel.

Every community deserves a witness.

Every nation deserves an opportunity to experience the power of the Holy Ghost.

Pentecost Every Day happens when God's people partner together.

Someone prays.

Someone gives.

Someone goes.

Someone obeys.

Together the gospel advances.

Behind every testimony is a partnership story.

Behind every baptism is a partnership story.

Behind every church plant is a partnership story.

Behind every revival is a partnership story.

Key Truth

Partnership helps create opportunities for Pentecost Every Day.

Discussion Questions

1. What does biblical partnership mean to you?
2. Which aspect of partnership is strongest in your life right now: prayer, encouragement, participation, or giving?
3. How does understanding partnership change your view of missions?
4. In what ways can your local church become a stronger sending church?
5. What practical step can you take this month to increase your participation in God's mission?

Action Steps

Consider one or more of the following:

- ☐ Commit to praying regularly for missionaries.
- ☐ Learn more about global missions efforts.
- ☐ Participate in missions events hosted by your church.
- ☐ Encourage missionaries personally.
- ☐ Explore opportunities for short-term ministry involvement.
- ☐ Increase your commitment to missions giving.
- ☐ Share the vision of world evangelism with others.
- ☐ Become a stronger partner in God's mission.

Final Thought

The gospel advances when God's people work together.

Partnership is not reserved for a select few.

It is an invitation extended to every believer.

When churches pray together, give together, serve together, and believe together, the gospel moves forward.

Lives are changed.

Nations are reached.

And Pentecost happens every day.

Partnership → Gospel Advancement → Lives Changed → Pentecost Every Day