

# Pulling Together

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, 6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.*

—Philemon 1:4-7 (ESV)

## 1. Gratitude for LOVE for OTHERS

***a) It Brings Much JOY***

***b) It Brings Much COMFORT***

*“The Bible says we each have a basic, hard-core spiritual problem that we can never solve on our own—and that problem is sin... It manifests itself in selfishness and rebellion against God, and no matter how hard we try, we still put ourselves first. This is one reason why we need God, for only He can give us a new heart, and replace our self-centeredness with His love. God’s promise is true: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone” (Ezekiel 36:26). This has been the experience of millions of Christians throughout the ages—and it can be your experience as well.”*

— Billy Graham

## 2. Gratitude for FAITH towards JESUS

*“...turn to Christ and ask Him to take over your life. He will—and your life will never be the same.”*

*—– Billy Graham*