

# Thanks For The Memories Philippians 1:1-11

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- 1. How would you describe fellowship?
- 2. Is there a difference between "Christian fellowship" and "fellowship" in general? If so, what is it?
- 3. What do you desire to experience in fellowship?
- 4. Does it seem like the depth of fellowship we desire is not often experienced? Why or why not?
- 5. In the day-to-day drama of life, what difference can the fellowship of Christian siblings make in your life?

# Paul's Greeting (verse 1,2)

- 1. Why do you think Paul describes himself the way he does?
- 2. Why do you think Paul addresses the Philippian Church the way he does?
- 3. What difference might these descriptions make to you personally as we study this letter?

#### Paul's Remembrance (verse 3-11)

- 1. Read Acts 16:6-40 (background from Paul's 2nd missions trip and initial ministry in Philippi).
- 2. Is there any thing specific that stands out to you from Paul's initial experiences in Philippi?

## Example #1: Paul Remembers The Philippians With Joy (verses 4,5)

- 1. What is joy?
- 2. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being dry as a desert and 10 being an epic overflowing flood) how would you rate your current level of joy with your Christian siblings?
- 3. What would it take to move that level more towards a 10?

#### **Example #2: Paul Remembers The Philippians With Confidence (verse 6)**

- 1. How can confidence in God encourage us to have confidence in each other?
- 2. How can we help each other to grow in this confidence?

#### Example #3: Paul Remembers The Philippians With Affection (verse 7,8)

- 1. What reason does Paul give for his affection towards the Philippian believers?
- 2. If affection for each other is the right thing to do, what can we do to increase the affection we have for each other?

#### Example #4: Paul Remembers The Philippians With Prayer (verses 9-11)

- 1. What is the focus of Paul's prayers for the Philippians?
- 2. What difference do you think it would make if we prayed these things for each other?

### Processing all that...

- 1. Who do you remember?
  - a. Who has God used in your life? Examples?
  - b. What would happen if you contacted that person, told them about today's study, and shared with them how God had used them in your life?
- 2. How are you remembered?
  - a. 30 years from now how would you like to be remembered?
  - b. How are you intentionally working towards that legacy?