



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOR THE GOSPEL  
**THE MAKINGS OF STRONG CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS**  
PHILIPPIANS 1:1-8

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1. Focus \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 1:1–8 (ESV)*  
1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

2. Care \_\_\_\_\_

3. Show \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. On your own, read through the whole book of Philippians. What are some aspects of a healthy Christian life and healthy Christian relationships that you see in this letter that you want to see strengthened in your own life as we study it together?
2. **Read Matthew 6:33.** What are some of the things that distract your life and relationships from the gospel? What are some of the proactive ways you can focus these things around Jesus and His mission?
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 6:11-13.** What are some of the things that can constrict your affection and heart for others? What are some biblical truths that will help you widen your heart?
4. Honestly evaluate the frequency and strength of your prayers for other believers. What are some practical ways you can work to be a more faithful prayer warrior for your brothers and sisters in Christ?
5. Who are some fellow Christians that you want to reach out to this week in order to encourage them? What means of communication will you use to do that? (Remember to include some who live near you and some who do not on this list!)

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Reinke, Tony. *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*. Crossway, 2017.  
 Strauch, Alexander. *Leading with Love*. Lewis & Roth Publishers, 2006.  
 Welch, Edward T. *Caring for One Another*. Crossway, 2018.  
 Wiersbe, Warren. *How to be a Caring Christian*. Back to the Bible, 1981.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God uses the study of Philippians to strengthen the joy, unity, and purpose of our church.  
 Pray that God would give us greater affection for our brothers and sisters in Christ.  
 Pray that we would be faithful as a church to pray for one another.  
 Pray for God to provide space for our expanding midweek ministries to our children and students.  
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

## REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
8/29	1 Kings 19-21	Romans 6
8/30	1 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 18	Romans 7
8/31	2 Chronicles 19-20	Romans 8:1-17
9/1	2 Chronicles 21-23	Romans 8:18-39
9/2	Obadiah, Psalm 82-83	Romans 9
9/3	2 Kings 1-3	Romans 10