

# Stand Firm Together

July 13th, 2025



## PHILIPPIANS SUMMER SERIES

This summer, we're journeying together through the book of Philippians—a letter full of joy, encouragement, and deep insight into living a Christ-centred life.

Each day, you'll read one chapter of Philippians (Day 1: Chapter 1, Day 2: Chapter 2, Day 3: Chapter 3, Day 4: Chapter 4). Then, on Day 5, you'll read the entire book in one sitting. Along the way, we'll also highlight specific verses or related Scripture passages to help you go further in your reflection.

Our hope is that by revisiting the whole letter regularly, you'll grow in your grasp of its message and see more clearly how each part fits into the whole. Whether you're reading alone or with others, we pray this devotional strengthens your faith and draws you closer to Christ.

### DAY 1: LIVING WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL

#### READING: PHILIPPIANS 1 (FOCUSING ON PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30)

Paul's exhortation to live "worthy of the gospel of Christ" challenges us to examine our daily lives. How does our conduct reflect our citizenship in God's kingdom?

Today, reflect on areas where your actions may not align with the gospel's teachings. Ask God for the strength to stand firm in your faith, even in the face of opposition.

Remember, your steadfastness is a powerful testimony to both believers and non-believers alike. Consider one specific way you can demonstrate your heavenly citizenship in your interactions today.

### DAY 2: UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

#### READING: PHILIPPIANS 2 AND EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Unity in the body of Christ is a powerful witness to the world. Paul emphasizes the importance of being "tuned" to the Holy Spirit for true unity.

Today, pray for a heightened sensitivity to the Spirit's leading in your life. If there are relationships in your church or personal life where disunity exists, ask God to show you how you can be an instrument of reconciliation.

Remember, our unity is not based on uniformity, but on our shared connection to Christ through the Spirit. How can you actively promote unity in your sphere of influence today?

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## **DAY 3: STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH**

### **READING: PHILIPPIANS 3 AND PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4**

The Christian life is often compared to an athletic contest, requiring dedication and teamwork. Paul urges believers to "strive side by side for the faith of the gospel." Consider the ways you are currently engaged in this spiritual "race." Are you actively participating in the life of your church community? How are you supporting fellow believers in their faith journey?

Today, identify one practical way you can encourage or assist someone in Christ.

Remember, we are stronger together than we are alone.

## **DAY 4: FINDING STRENGTH IN SUFFERING**

### **READING: PHILIPPIANS 4 AND ROMANS 8:18-39**

Paul speaks of suffering for Christ as a privilege. This perspective challenges our natural aversion to hardship. Reflect on times when difficulties have strengthened your faith or drawn you closer to God. How has God's love sustained you through trials?

Today, if you're facing challenges, ask God for the courage to view them through the lens of eternity. If you're in a season of relative ease, pray for those who are suffering for their faith around the world.

How can you cultivate a spirit of perseverance and hope, knowing that God works all things for good?

## **DAY 5: THE MIND OF CHRIST**

### **READING: PHILIPPIANS 1-4 (FOCUSING ON PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11)**

The ultimate example of humility and selflessness is found in Christ Himself. Paul urges us to have the same mindset as Jesus, who willingly emptied Himself for our sake.

Today, meditate on the profound implications of Christ's humility. How does this challenge your own attitudes and ambitions? Ask God to reveal areas of pride or self-interest in your life.

Identify one specific way you can "look to the interests of others" today, following Christ's example. Remember, true greatness in God's kingdom is found in serving others.