## Thankful

## Philippians 1:1-26

The Friendly Greeting	1:1-2
Author and Audience: Paul writes as a friend to his friends and fellow believers in Philippi.	
Background: Paul came to Philippi to preach the gospel on his second missionary journey.	
Purpose: He writes from prison to thank and encourage them.	
Personal Blessing: Paul ends his greeting with grace and peace.	
Be inclusive and speak to all words of blessing, encouragement and	
Thankful for Partnership	1:3-11
- Partnership in the gospel includes the blessing of salvation and telling others about Jesus.	
- Paul joyfully remembers their partnership and reminds them God is still working in them.	
- He loves them deeply as they share in God's grace and suffering for the gospel.	
- He prays they will abound in love and sincere faith, displaying the attractiveness of Jesus.	
Remember to spur on your in the faith with love and prayers	<u>6!</u>
Thankful for Imprisonment	1:12-18
- Paul rejoices in the expansion of the gospel.	
<ul> <li>Because of his imprisonment the unbelieving Roman guard now knows about Jesus.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Because of his imprisonment others are now confident to speak the truth of Jesus.</li> </ul>	
Look for Jesus in the midst of your difficulties andjoy!	
Thankful for Anticipated Freedom	1:19-26
- Paul rejoices that one day his imprisonment will end and Jesus will be magnified.	
If his imprisonment ends in death, it means being with Jesus.	
<ul> <li>If his imprisonment ends in death, it means being with Jesus.</li> <li>If it ends in release, it means continuing to encourage and strengthen the Philippians.</li> </ul>	

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## James 2:1

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Romans 1:14-15

I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.