



**GOSPEL FRIENDSHIPS:  
FINDING COMMUNITY IN A LONELY AGE  
PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11  
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Gospel friendships are how God does much of his best work in us.

**The SHAPE of Gospel Friendships**

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, - Philippians 1:3-4

because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. - Philippians 1:5

And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. - Philippians 1:14

And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. - Philippians 4:15

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. - 1 Corinthians 1:9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. - 1 John 1:7

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. - Acts 16:14

As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune telling. - Acts 16:16

And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" - Acts 16:29-30

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. - Galatians 3:27

**The DYNAMIC ENERGY of gospel friendships**

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. - Philippians 1:6





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.  
- Philippians 1:7

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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. -Matthew 11:28-29

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

...my every prayer of mine for YOU ALL (v.4)  
...It is right for me to feel this way about YOU ALL (v.7)  
...YOU are ALL partakers with me of grace (v.7)  
...I yearn for YOU ALL (v.8)

**The dynamic energy behind spiritual growth is God working through gospel friendships.**

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? - 2 Corinthians 6:14

**The PURPOSE of gospel friendships**

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:8

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,  
- Philippians 1:9

so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.  
- Philippians 1:10-11

**The purpose of gospel friendships is abounding love and growing holiness.**

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**Get over yourself  
Take the initiative  
Invest in people  
Give it time**

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