# **Encouragement from Paul's** letter to the Philippians

### Sunday, November 1

A Life Worthy of the Gospel Text: Philippians 1:20-30

### Sunday, November 8

Imitating Christ's Love Text: Philippians 2:1-18

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Pressing On Toward the Goal Text: Philippians 3:4b-17

### Sunday, November 22

Content in the Lord Text: Philippians 4:4-20



*"Join together in following my example and keep your eyes on those who live as we do…"* 

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"Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ..." (1:27)



# Philippians 1:12-14

<sup>12</sup>Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup>As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.



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### Philippians 1:18-20

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.



### Philippians 1:21-24

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

<sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me.
Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!
<sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two:
I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.



# Philippians 1:27-28

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

### A Life Worthy...

- 1. Our main desire is to see Christ preached and the gospel advanced.
- 2. We endure suffering and difficulty with an attitude that points others to Jesus and encourages fellow believers.
- 3. We pray for one another and for those we do not know.
- 4. We recognize our life is not our own, and we live to use God's gifts for fruitful labor.
- 5. We stand together in unity and serve one another in humility.