

## GOD WILL FINISH WHAT HE STARTED

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## Philippians 1:3-11

<u>Prayer</u>, <u>thanksgiving</u>, and <u>joy</u> belong together in the <u>spiritual family</u> of God. (vv. 3-5)

<u>Progress</u> in the <u>faith</u> comes only from <u>God</u>, he will <u>finish</u> the <u>good</u> work he began in us. (vs. 6)

It is <u>right</u> to <u>feel deeply</u> for others in our <u>spiritual family</u>. (vv. 7-8)

As we progress in love we progress in faith. (vv. 9-10)

Progress in love comes only through Jesus Christ. (vs. 11)

## **Next Steps**

- This week I will pray daily for the spiritual family of The Bridge, focusing especially on thanksgiving and joy.
- This week I will daily spend 15 minutes with God and His Word.
- This month I will get connected to Community Life at The Bridge.



Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during a portion of the break.

**Lesson Aim:** To grow in our confidence that progress in the faith comes only from God, and that He will finish the good work He began in us.

1. Looking over your notes from Pastor Jeff's message last weekend, which key thought spoke to you the most and why?

2. **READ Philippians 1:3-11.** What stands out to you the most about Paul's prayer? Why?

3. Who is someone in my life that when I think of him or her I break out in a prayer of thanksgiving? Have you ever told this person? If not, will you do it this week?

4. What can you do to cultivate a greater heart of gratitude for those God has placed in your life?

5. Spend some time praying Paul's prayer (in verses 3-6 & 9-11) in your own words for some specific people God has placed in your life.

## Daily Devotional Plan

Day 1 - 1 Timothy 4

Day 2 - 1 Timothy 5

Day 3 - 1 Timothy 6

Day 4 - 2 Timothy 1

Day 5 - 2 Timothy 2

Day 6 - 2 Timothy 3

Day 7 - 2 Timothy 4