

**Date:** December 13, 2020

**Scripture:** Philippians 1:3-11

**Title:** Thank God

**Philippians 1:3-11** - I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup>God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

The extent of Paul's thanks: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason for Paul's gratitude: \_\_\_\_\_

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What Paul hoped for those closest to him: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. For whom are you most thankful? What makes you thankful for that person?
2. Does your gratitude for others tend to grow or diminish the longer you know them? Why?
3. Have you ever felt like you were "partners" in the Gospel or had "Gospel fellowship" with someone? What was that like?
4. If you currently don't have a relationship as close as Paul had with the Philippians, what is one step you could take in one of your current relationships to help it develop in that direction?
5. As you pray for those closest to you, how do you typically pray for them? What, if anything, would make you hesitate to pray that God would complete the work He began in them?
6. As the Gudgels begin a new season of ministry, how have you been grateful and impacted by their leadership at Bridges? How will you pray for them?