

## **Sermon Discussion**

### **22 November 2020**

Read Philippians 4:14-23 together.

#### **Dig Deeper**

The Philippians had been very thoughtful and generous with Paul when he left their town after planting their church on his second missionary journey. He had traveled south from Philippi into the province of Achaia. Probably the gift to which he refers in this section is the same one he mentioned in 2 Corinthians 11:8.

There is good evidence from the Greco-Roman world that the actual expression of “thank you” was not an expression of friendship. As strange as it may seem to us, true friends did not need to express thanksgiving directly in order for it to be received. What Paul is most likely doing here in keeping with cultural norms is expressing his “thank you” indirectly by rehearsing their history with the Apostle.

1. How has this entire letter to the Philippians shown us what “gospel partnership” is?
2. What is the relationship between being a partner and giving financially? In what way does giving money away profit the giver?
3. Why should you give faithfully to God’s work? Do you have a disciplined plan for giving to the mission of the church?
4. Explain how v.19-20 applies to the matter of personal needs.

#### **Application & Prayer**

- Think about how the Philippian church viewed money. What is different from the way you view and spend your resources? Pray that God may conform your views to His.
- Consider the areas of your life that you would describe as partnering to spread and promote the gospel. Is there a way you could practically encourage someone to do the same? Pray for an opportunity to do so.