Philippians 1:1-29 (NLT)

1 This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God's
holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and
deacons. 2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.
3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. 4 Whenever I pray, I make my
requests for all of you with joy, 5 for you have been my partners in spreading the Good
News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. 6 And I am certain that
God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally
finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. 7 So it is right that I should feel as I do
about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the
special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the
truth of the Good News. 8 God knows how much I love you and long for you with the
tender compassion of Christ Jesus. 9 I pray that your love will overflow more and more,
and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. 10 For I want you
to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until
the day of Christ's return. 11 May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—
the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ for this will bring much
glory and praise to God. 12 And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that
everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.

13 For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains
because of Christ. 14 And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here
have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear. 15 It's true that
some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with
pure motives. 16 They preach because they love me, for they know I have been
appointed to defend the Good News. 17 Those others do not have pure motives as
they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to
make my chains more painful to me. 18 But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives
are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I
rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice. 19 For I know that as you pray for me and the
Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance. 20 For I fully expect and
hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I
have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live
or die. 21 For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. 22 But if I
live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. 23 I'm
torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better
for me. 24 But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. 25 Knowing this, I am
convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and
experience the joy of your faith. 26 And when I come to you again, you will have even
more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me.

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worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or
only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one
purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. 28 Don't be
intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going
to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. 29 For you
have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of
suffering for him. 30 We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the
past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.

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Do you Practice What You Preach?

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.