

LOCKDOWN MESSENGER SERIES 1

The Prison Epistle of St Paul to the Philippians - Chapter 1

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HUMAN RIGHTS OF BELONGINGNESS

“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. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.**” Philippians 1:1-2 NLT

1. Partnership, “Paul & Timothy”
2. Living Saints belonging to Jesus
3. Servant Leaders functioning in grace and peace

LOCKDOWN PRAISE, PRAYER, PARTNERSHIP, PERSEVERANCE

“**Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ** from the time you first heard it until now. 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.**”

Philippians 1:3-6 NLT

1. Thanksgiving Culture
2. Joyful Prayers
3. Partnership in God’s Kingdom
4. God completing his work in us
5. Getting ready for His Return

LOCKDOWN TO UNLOCK RELATIONSHIPS

“**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. God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.**” Philippians 1:7-8 NLT

SHARING THE FAVOR OF:

1. Deep relationship as believers in Christ
2. Imprisonment for the cause of the Truth; Defending / Confirming the Truth; God’s Love with no walls
3. Longing for each others fellowship with tender compassion

LOCKDOWN ENCOURAGEMENT

“I pray that your **love will overflow more and more**, and that you will **keep on growing in knowledge and understanding**. 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**. 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.**”

Philippians 1:9-11 NLT

1. Love overflows with more, No Walls
2. Unstoppable Maturity and Spiritual Growth
3. Wise and Pure “virgins” when the Groom Returns
4. Salvation known by its fruit, work, compassion, kindness
5. Pleasing & Praising character and lifestyle to God.

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LOCKDOWN BLESSINGS

“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.** For **everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ.** And **because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God’s message without fear.**” Philippians 1:12-14 NLT

1. All things work together for good & the Best
2. The Lockdown Messenger got an UNLOCK MESSAGE!!
3. Lockdown Messenger was an INSPIRATION

LOCKDOWN CHALLENGES

“It’s true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. **But others preach about Christ with pure motives. They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News.** 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. **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. **For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.**” Philippians 1:15-19 NLT

1. Messenger, Motive, Message, Method,
2. God Honors His Name & Word
3. Unlocked Power of Prayer

LOCKDOWN EXPECTATION

“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. For to me, **living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.** But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don’t know which is better. **I’m torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.**”

Philippians 1:20-24 NLT

1. Increasing Boldness
2. Honorable Testimony
3. Living for Christ or Dying to be with Christ
4. For the Sake of the Church

LOCKDOWN CONVICTION

“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.** 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.**” Philippians 1:25-26 NLT

1. The Growth and Joy of the Faith
2. Expectation of Freedom, Unashamed for Christ, More what Christ will do

LOCKDOWN FIGHT OF FAITH

“Above all, you must **live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner 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.** **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.** For you have been **given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him.** **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.” Philippians 1:27-30 NLT

1. Heavenly Citizenship
2. Standing Together:
 - Fearless • Failure of the Enemy • Faithful Salvation • Faint but Trusting • Forceful in the struggle