

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor J. Josh Smith, Brandon Ramey & the Worship Ministry
2. The Holy Spirit will move in our corporate gatherings, leading us to exalt Jesus Christ.
3. MacArthur Blvd will grow in Christ-exalting, Kingdom-advancing ministry in 2017.
4. Pray that God will move on us to be more evangelistic and, through our obedience in sharing the Gospel.

PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

“Marks of Gospel Partnership”— *Philippians 4:21-23*

We conclude our study through the book of Philippians this Sunday! Sunday’s message will provide an overview of the entire book, focusing specifically on the key theme that runs throughout Paul’s letter: PARTNERSHIP. Prepare for Sunday by taking time to read back through this entire letter in one sitting. As you read, highlight this theme of partnership when you see it. Look for words such as “partner,” “sharing,” “together,” and “fellowship.” What does this book teach us about the partnership of believers within a local church? What is the nature of this partnership? What is the goal of this partnership? Consider how each section of the letter supports this overarching theme of being together for the Gospel. What is one primary way God is calling you to respond to the book of Philippians?

MUSIC

PRELUDE MUSIC

Tell Somebody
Terrell Gatlin

PRAISE & ADORATION

Jesus Saves
Priscilla Owens &
William J. Kirkpatrick

The Name Of Jesus
Daniel Carson, Ed Cash,
Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves,
Kristian Stanfill & Chris Tomlin

Our God
Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman,
Jesse Reeves & Chris Tomlin

ADORATION SONG

There Is A Fountain
William Cowper

LYRICS

Jesus Saves

VERSE 1
We have heard the joyful sound
Jesus saves! Jesus saves
Spread the tidings all around
Jesus saves! Jesus saves
Bear the news to every land
Climb the mountains, cross the waves
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

VERSE 2
Sing above the battle strife
Jesus saves! Jesus saves
By His death and endless life
Jesus saves! Jesus saves
Shout it brightly through the gloom
When the heart for mercy craves
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

VERSE 3
Give the winds a mighty voice
Jesus saves! Jesus saves
Let the nations now rejoice
Jesus saves! Jesus saves
Shout salvation full and free
Highest hills and deepest caves
This our song of victory
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

The Name Of Jesus

VERSE 1
The name of Jesus is a refuge
A shelter from the storm, a help to those who call
The name of Jesus is a fortress
A saving place to run, a hope unshakable

PRE-CHORUS
When we fall You are the Savior,
When we call You are the answer
There is power in Your name,
There is power in Your name

CHORUS
In the name of Jesus
There is life and healing
Chains are broken in Your name
Every knee will bow down and our hearts will cry out
Songs of freedom in Your name, oh, in Your name

VERSE 2
Bring salvation, bring Your Kingdom
Let all that You have made bring glory to Your name

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RESPOND TO THE SERMON

Sunday, October 1 "Giving and Receiving"*Philippians 4:14-20*

Truth: Giving is essential to Gospel partnership. Partnership requires giving and receiving. Membership in a local church is intended to be a partnership in Gospel ministry. If you are not a giver, you're not a partner; you are instead merely a consumer or a customer. Giving includes more than our financial offerings, but it is not less than consistent and sacrificial financial offerings.

Truth: Giving is a great investment. When you give for the sake of the kingdom, you actually receive an eternal reward. The more you give on earth, the more you profit in eternity.

Truth: Giving pleases God. When we give joyfully, consistently, and sacrificially as an expression of love and trust in God, it is an act of worship that pleases the Father. When we only give God our leftovers, it is not an offering that pleases Him. Instead, it dishonors His name.

Truth: You never out-give God. The promise of Philippians 4:19 that God "will supply all our needs" is only for those who are demonstrating their trust in God through consistent and sacrificial giving. When you give in this way, you can be confident that God will come through and meet

your every need. If you are not giving consistently and sacrificially, verse 19 is not a promise you can claim.

Response: If you are already consistently giving financially to the work of God through MacArthur Blvd, spend time with your spouse (if you're married) prayerfully evaluating your giving. Healthy disciples grow in every area of their Christian lives throughout their time on earth. Are you growing in the area of giving? Is your giving truly a sacrifice? Are you giving the same percentage you were 10 years ago? How is God calling you to grow in this area? Genuinely seek the Lord in this. Ask Him to give you direction on how He wants you to steward His money that He has entrusted to you.

Response: If you are not consistently and sacrificially giving financially to the work of God through MacArthur Blvd, spend time this week reflecting on why that is the case. Is it a lack of trust in God, a love for worldly comforts, selfishness, or something else? Respond with obedience in this area. The tithe is a great place to start. Set aside 10% of your income for the Lord when you first receive it. Trust that He will provide.

FAMILY RESPONSE

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Response: Good giving is a lot like the other Christian disciplines; our kids need to learn it through direct teaching, parental modeling, and personal participation. When Jesus teaches, "do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing," Jesus is not forbidding us as parents from disciplining our children in giving. The context of Matthew 6 is sincere worship of God through giving, praying, and fasting in contrast to those who act like they love God in order to impress other people. It's OK, in fact, it's critical that we talk with our children about what we give, how we give, and when we give.

Response: Don't stop with giving. The Philippians' partnership with Paul was more than financial. They prayed for him and served with him. As a family, pray for the people and the organizations receiving your tithes, offerings, and gifts. Whenever possible find ways to actively participate in the ministry objectives of these same recipients. God often uses our obedience in one of these disciplines to drive our growth in the other two.