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#winning confidence  
Philippians 1:1-11

What does #winning look like?

The Church at Philippi:

- Founded in 49 AD by Paul
- Philippi –
- Philippian Church faced \_\_\_\_\_
- Paul writes letter in 61 AD because \_\_\_\_\_

## I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Spiritual Confidence

Phil 1:1-6 *Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*

Confidence in \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_

Greek “Friendly” Letter Structure:

1. Salutation or Greeting (v.1-2)
2. Captatio Benevolentiae—winning goodwill (v.3-11)
3. Narratio
4. Petitio – specific request
5. Conclusio

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Spiritual Confidence

Philippians 1:6-8 *I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus*

Paul is confident because \_\_\_\_\_

## III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Spiritual Confidence

Philippians 1:9-11 *And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

Point:

### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. When have you felt like you were far from #winning in life?
2. When has comparison robbed you of joy?
3. What is the source of your confidence? What or who do you rely on to let you know if you’re #winning?
4. What would it look like in your life to put your confidence in the grace of Christ and run your race?
5. What would change in your life if you knew that God would complete what He’s started in you?

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