

“Not Finished Yet”

“...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

2009 is not finished yet.

“Paul and Timothy, both of us committed servants of Christ Jesus, write this letter to all the followers of Jesus in Philippi, pastors and ministers included. We greet you with the grace and peace that comes from God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ.

Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.”

- Philippians 1:1-6 (The Message)

I am not finished yet.

“It's not at all fanciful for me to think this way about you. My prayers and hopes have deep roots in reality. You have, after all, stuck with me all the way from the time I was thrown in jail, put on trial, and came out of it in one piece. All along you have experienced with me the most generous help from God. He knows how much I love and miss you these days. Sometimes I think I feel as strongly about you as Christ does!

So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.”

- Philippians 1:7-11 (The Message)

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Small Group Questions

1. Read Ephesians 1:1-11. In what areas of your life do you want God to continue His “finishing work” in 2010?
2. Read Ephesians 1:12-30. How could God be using your trials to further His Gospel? Are you helping or hurting His purposes?
3. If you could dream of any way to reach more people for Jesus, what would you attempt? What's holding you back from trying this?
4. Who is the one person you are praying towards Jesus for the remainder of 2009 and into 2010?
