



LEVEL UP YOUR FAITHFULNESS

Philippians 1:25-30 (ESV)

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MESSAGE NOTES

Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. – 1 Timothy 4:15 (ESV)

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again ... For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. – Philippians 1:25 – 30 (ESV)

Invitations of faithfulness:

- **Leveling up with faithfulness through courageous joy**

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ... – Philippians 1:25 (ESV)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. – Philippians 1:12 – 14 (ESV)

- **Leveling up with faithfulness through courageous community**

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents ... – Philippians 1:27 – 28 (ESV)

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ... – Philippians 1:25 (ESV)

- **Leveling up with faithfulness through courageous sacrifice**

...This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. – Philippians 1:28 – 30 (ESV)

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, ... – Philippians 1:29 (ESV)

“The path to spiritual growth rarely feels like a straight line, instead it’s full of zigzags of grace, so remain faithful.” – Pastor Jon

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1 TIM 4:15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Feel free to use as many or as few questions for your group discussion)

- Discussion Starter: Our theme verse for this series is 1 Timothy 4:15. *"Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress."* Practice this verse with someone sitting next to you and see if you can say it from memory.
- Read Philippians 1:25 – 30, focusing on verse 25. What is the Apostle Paul hoping will *"progress"* in our lives as we remain *"faithful/continue"* in the faith? And why?
- What was your biggest takeaway from Philippians 1:25 – 30?
- What is an area of your life where God is calling you to remain faithful, even though it has its ups and downs? How has God already shown up in this area? What is your prayer moving forward?
- Why is finding God's joy a courageous journey in the face of sacrifice or challenges?
- Read Philippians 1:27 – 28. What does it mean to strive to stand *"side by side for the faith of the Gospel"*? As a group, what would help take your friendships to a deeper level?
- Good friendships are not always easy to find. What is a step you can take to help others develop courageous community in Christ with you?
- Why are friendships such an important part of how God works in us as we grow in our faith?
- Read Philippians 1:28 – 30. The Apostle Paul was in jail awaiting trial for standing up for his faith in Christ, and God granted him the grace to continue and endure. What does God's grace look like in the face of sacrifice and challenges?
- How might God be leading you to choose sacrifice as an invitation to experience His grace in a difficult decision or circumstance?
- Pastor Jon said, *"The path to spiritual growth rarely feels like a straight line, instead it's full of zigzags of grace, so remain faithful."* Pray for each other to receive God's strength to stay faithful in the face of current challenges and joys.