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Your Bible

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How To Be The Body Of Christ From A Distance

After almost nineteen hundred years the warm affection of this passage still breathes through it, and we can feel Paul's great heart throbbing with love for the Church which he had never seen.

William Barclay, Daily Study Bible

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**1. Rejoice At God's Work In
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The expression of thanks to God for his mercy to them showed the deep interest which he had in their welfare; and the happiness it would give him to do them good.

Albert Barnes, Barnes' Notes On The Bible

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For God is my witness is perhaps Paul's acknowledgment of how easy it is to say you will pray for someone, and then fail to do it. He wanted them to know that he was really praying.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

Ephesians 1

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, **16** do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers

Philippians 1

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,

1 Thessalonians 1

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

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Even if we are separated from people, and even if there is no other gift which we can give to them, we can surround them with the strength and the defense of our prayers.

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Christians grow rich by and exchange of spiritual commodities; and I am afraid some Christians are very poor because they do not engage in the spiritual bartering with one another.

Charles Spurgeon, C. H. Spurgeon's Expositions

Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us. For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few."

1 Samuel 14:6

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No small part of the difficulties which young Christians experience would vanish, if they should communicate their feelings and views to others. Feelings which they suppose no Christians ever had, which greatly distress them, they will find are common among those who are experienced in the Christian life.

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Romans 1:12 (New Living Translation)

When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith,
but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

The apostle did not disdain to be taught by the humblest Christians. He expected to be strengthened himself by the faith of those just beginning the Christian life.

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