

**Title** | Building a Better Me

**Series** | Building a Better Church

**Text** | Philippians 1:1-6

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**Sermon Notes**

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, 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 upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; *NKJV*

For Reflection and Application:

**Big Idea:**

**Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; *NKJV*

Monday:

In verse 1, Paul says that he (and by extension, all believers) are, “bondservants” of Jesus Christ, but he uses a word that means subjection without bondage. How can one be a slave and not be in bondage? How is our servanthood voluntary?

Tuesday:

Fellowship was very important to Paul. How does Paul’s definition differ from 20th century concepts of fellowship? How does the concept of a body illustrate this idea?

Wednesday:

Jesus said unbelievers would recognize His disciples by their love for one another. Why is our love for each so important? How does this love for each other impact unbelievers?

Thursday:

Sometimes, believers face conflict with each other as we have different opinions. As Christians, how should we deal with conflicts and differences of opinions?

Friday:

Do you ever feel like a Christian imposter? This belief can lead to feeling defeated. How can you fight this feeling? What does God have to say about our Christian life and growth in this passage that we can use to help us in our fight?

Daily Prayer:

Father, I ask for the wisdom to choose to follow you, I thank you for my fellowship with other believers and I pray that you would remind me that I am your child, loved by You, even when I disobey You.