

Casas Adobes Baptist Church
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CONNECTION
Philippians 1:1-11
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- SLIDE #1: Background slide

Talk about HD revolution!

- SLIDE #2: (Tech: the timing of this slide is important. The cue is "O.K. Switch our cameras to High Definition.")

Philippians series for the next 8 weeks: step up to HD living in Christ.

- SLIDE #3: Philippians 1:1-2: Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi...
- SLIDE #4: Philippians 1:3-6: I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel...
- SLIDE #5: Philippians 1:7-8: It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; ... God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- SLIDE #6: Philippians 1:9-11: And this is my prayer: that your love may abound ...

Learn a new verse each week.

- SLIDE #7: Philippians 1:9 (Message): So, this is my prayer that your love may flourish and that you will not only love much but you will love well.
- SLIDE #8: THE FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH (Some background that will bring more meaning)

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- SLIDE #9: DRAW Paul's journeys

Paul wanted to continue preaching in Asia but God had other plans. In Troy when God spoke. The vision of the Macedonian man.

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- SLIDE #10: Pix of Philippi—Roman colony. Large metropolis; Battle of Philippi nearby.

•SLIDE #11: •The church born out of ladies' prayer meeting
No synagogue, not 10 Jewish men. Roman colony
Pix of baptismal pool designed into the river

- SLIDE #12: Pix of me trying to baptize Julie: easier to baptize a cat than get her in cold water

- SLIDE #13: •The exorcism of the woman with the "Python Spirit" (Acts 16:18)

Men made money from her clairvoyance.
Paul exorcised demon and the owners got really mad.
Blamed Paul and Silas. Riot about these Jews!

•SLIDE #14: •The riot and beatings of Paul and Silas

READ ACTS 16:22-24.

•SLIDE #15: Pix of internal cell. •The revival at midnight

READ ACTS 16:25.

Wipe blood off: “Wasn’t it great how that woman was saved today!”
Brother Silas, let’s sing: probably brought out the 1st century version of Amazing Grace, How great thou art! Jesus loves me.

First sacred concert in Europe: concert hall was as dungeon; no piano or organ yet these two had such an effect that they brought the whole house down!

READ ACTS 16:26: •God brought out his earthquake angel—the most successful concert ever heard.

•SLIDE #16: •The Salvation of the Jailer and his family.

READ ACTS 16:27-28.

He was responsible for the prisoners!
Don’t hurt yourself. We are all here!

READ ACTS 16:29-30: “What must I do to be saved?”

Not theological question. Probably just trying to save his own life.

Paul was ready and knew exactly what to say. Paul directed the topic of conversation to Christ.

Lost over for dinner-time to talk about the bread of life
Electrician working—Light of the world
World situation: Prince of Peace
Tucson in July...mmmm. Did you ever think that maybe you might go to Hell?

What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ” no beating around the bush!

READ ACTS 16:31-34: Whole family led to Christ.

•SLIDE #17: The charter members of church at Philippi

1. Lydia, her family and girl friends
2. The demon-possessed woman
3. The Philippian jailer and his family

Paul is now in prison in Rome, 10 years later, they have sent him a gift and he writes a thank you note. Notice the growth of the church: now has deacons and elders, etc.

- SLIDE #18: Philippians 1:3-4: I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ...

Great when all our relationships have nothing but happy memories
Lydia, the skilled business woman and her faithful group of faithful women come to his mind.
Remembered fondly the demon possessed girl who was set free.
Remembered the jailer who beat me up.
Thought of being chained to slimy wall when the earth beneath him began to quake. Brought a great sense of joy.

- SLIDE #19: Philippians 1:5: because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

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Strange experience: Husband and wife recently moved to town: accosted me after church:
Didn't like my sermon: "You didn't use the Bible— Showed 9 passages I had used.
"It was just a feel good sermon"—I had talked about forgiveness—I thought we had dealt with some pretty tough issues.

"You should have told the people they are going to Hell!"
"Jesus made clear they were going to Hell. He is going to judge them to Hell.
Mean, attitude had no grace.

Various ways to evangelize. Here is our tool.
Plan for sharing Gospel at Casas.

Draw: circles: SMX—ABF—Small Groups—What's Next Class

Partners: 51 saved at Christmas.
Key to fellowship as church, top priority as a church is sharing the gospel

"This is not the way Jesus did it."

Senior adult couple standing near by. Patiently waiting. Turned to them. Told story of invited by friends several months ago. He is 85 gave life to Jesus at Summer Evangelistic service.
She praying for him for over 50 years! Rejoice with them.

Turned to man and wife: He was scowling. rowning
I am so excited! This is exactly how it is supposed to work!

"But you didn't do it like Jesus did it."
How could his heart be so cold and mean.

You don't want to come here. Don't need your attitude; Sabotage the place. Go find another church.

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•SLIDE #20: Philippians 1:7-8: It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; ... God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

“I have you in my heart.” What a wonderful place to hold people. Reach for billfold and say, “I want to show you a picture.

I have a picture of you with me. It is not in my billfold, it is in my heart.

“Bowels” = spleen

Vivid pic of kidneys, liver, heart and intestines as center of emotions.

I love you in the tenderest way possible with the tenderest feelings imaginable.

Feeling of being homesick; empty feeling in stomach what Paul is trying to describe.

•SLIDE #21: Philippians 1:9-11: And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.

Pray and insert their names. Try it.

Parents prayer for children:

Stay out of jail ... don't beat up the kid next door

Don't get pregnant

Put on refrigerator

•SLIDE #22: “Loving others”

“Discern right and wrong”

“Sincere obedience to Christ”

“Gracious, Christ like character”

TAKE AWAYS: What do we learn from Paul?

•SLIDE #23: ● Paul's top priority was to get lost people saved.

Michael Vick's conversion: How many doubted?

1. Humility

2. Move from me-centered to others' centered.

3. Only make it if he gets in a group: Local church

4. Accountable to others

If God can't save and transform Michael Vick then he can't save and transform me.

We all need others to live life with us and help provide a moral compass.

Julie no longer on full-time staff in worship department.


Spending more time with lost people. Encountering—totally ignorant of Christ and the Bible. She gives them a Bible.

In Florida this week helping Brie and Derrek move:

Mover lost wife 2 months earlier.

Julie started comforting: door opened to tell him about Jesus: Gave away her favorite Bible. Full of notes, used it all over the world.

Carry around some give away Bibles.

•SLIDE #24:  Paul's prayer was for love to flourish and over flow.

•SLIDE #25: The three Greek words for love used in the Bible are:

Agape: Love like God's love

Phelos: Love for spouse or friends

Eros: Love for the physical

Agape never stops loving.

Once a young man proposed to his girl as they sat looking over the beautiful lake. "Darling, I want you to know that I love you more than anything else in the world. I want you to marry me. I'm not wealthy; I'm not rich like Johnny Brown. I don't have a yacht or Rolls-Royce like Johnny Brown, but I do love with all my heart."

She thought for a minute and then replied, "I love you with all my heart, too, but tell me more about Johnny Brown."

Agape loves the unlovely.

James Dobson tells of a lady, a beautiful lady, and because of some sort of accident a nerve was severed in her face—and her face sagged down on one side—and she was disfigured. She was in the recovery room after the operation and she was deathly afraid, after so much of her self esteem being built on so much of her beauty, so much of her self concept being built on her loveliness, and here she was disfigured.

Her husband came in and sat on the edge of the bed, and she thought all of the worst, and he sat and just looked at her, and he smiled. He looked at her mouth and he kind of mirrored her mouth on his, and he kind of crooked it a bit like hers, and he said, "Looks kind of cute."

And he took his crooked lips and pressed them down to her crooked lips.

Now that is divine love. He loves people with imperfect lips.

Agape does things.

1 Corinthians 13 verbals. This is what it does. Love is a service thing


STORY OF BRONWYN TAKING ME TO 4TH AVENUE LAST WEEK.

\$20 can't give them the money. Sandwiches, "we were just wondering what we were going to do for dinner.

Next Sunday: school teacher in thrift house: She felt humiliated. Wouldn't talk my money.

"You are not very good at this are you?"

I have a lot to learn about loving.

•SLIDE #26:  Paul was well connected to others

JC's first action was to put together a small group.

Join a small group of believers.

Persecution led to house life together

Paul knew their names and was involved with them.

Impossible to know everyone in our church—but it is essential to know somebody.

I can worship God alone. I don't need you; but, maybe we need you. Miss your life and experiences—personal holy life.

HOW TO FORM FAST FRIENDSHIPS.

•SLIDE #27: Be on mission together (partners)

Jessie Helms (Known as “Mr. No” in the senate)

Bono has a heart for the world in pain and the resources to do something about it.

Joined hands in mission.

Helms: “You know I love you.”

Bono: “It’s good to be loved by Jessie Helms.”

Mission: An assembly of saints working together to bring the gospel to the unsaved is likely to know much more real fellowship as a company of believers occupied with their own affairs and all about themselves.

•SLIDE #28: Focus on the Positive in People

This is an attitude thing.

Boy driving with mom one afternoon: “Where are all the idiots?”

“What do you mean?”

“I was driving with dad this morning and there were idiots everywhere.

Weber’s advice: Arizonan; people wanting to see you fail; Always give you benefit of the slop.

Don’t let that happen to you. Be an Arizonan: join a group.

Many pray for me to succeed: Pray for other around you to succeed.

So many times I received the benefit of the doubt: Always give them the benefit of the doubt.

Who tortured Paul? The jailer who he led to Christ.

Look at people not as they are, but as what they can become.

•SLIDE #29: Pray for the best in others.

Your Prayers for Julie and me.

Kentucky this week.

Armenia and turkey next: feel like you representatives. (Casas group coming to minister and pray.

Peru: best conference ever. Prayer team of 6 from Casas. Praying for healing and ministry all during our teaching.

Missionary: What is going on in there? Never reach the men! Machisimo culture: mistresses on the side.

She knew of six pastors who had mistresses on the side.

Now interacting with their wives.

Testimony time: Pastor testifying all the ways he had hurt his wife.

LEAVE 5 MINUTES ON THE CLOCK.

Song: What a friend we have in Jesus.

Glenn closes out.