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Philippians 1:2-11

Some people bring a smile to your face when you think about them. Memories of their words and actions lift you out of whatever circumstances you are in and they transport you to a better place. I've had some friends like that. You've probably had them too.

The Philippian church was that to the apostle Paul. As you recall Paul was in prison when he wrote to them. As a Roman prisoner he was dependent upon the good will of others to survive. Without their love and support he would have starved. The church at Philippi knew about Paul's situation and responded to his needs (Philippians 4:15).

Paul did not have any to repay the gifts he received from them, except by his prayer and instruction. While they might not seem like a lot at that time, those prayers and letters have served untold millions of people from that time to this. In reality they were the most priceless of gifts exchanged.

There are times we may feel like we have nothing to give those we love most. Remember that your prayer and witness are priceless gifts when placed in God's hands. Who are you sharing those gifts with today?

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