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A BATTLE WORTH FIGHTING

PHILIPPIANS 1:28

LOVE OFFERING PLEDGE CARD FOR FUTURE GIFTS

If you plan to give to the Love Offering after the Love Offering Weekend of November 11 and 12, 2023, you may indicate that here.

With faith in God to provide,

I/We plan to give \$ _____

SELECT ONE:

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Lump Sum

after November 12, but by the end of 2023.

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from January 2024 through October 2024.

First Name(s) _____ Last Name _____ Date _____

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PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 (NIV)

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 (NIV)

Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 (NIV)

striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ **without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 (NIV)

**This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed,
but that you will be saved—and that by God.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 (NIV)

29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 (NIV)

30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

PHILIPPIANS 1:28 (NIV)
28 without being frightened in any way
by those who oppose you.

PHILIPPIANS 1:28 (NIV)

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but that you will be saved—and that by God.

Gather yourself, be calm, walk worthy
and walk fearlessly for you know God walks with you.

JOHN 15:20 (NIV)

Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NIV)

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

DANIEL 3:16-18 (NIV)

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him,

DANIEL 3:16-18 (NIV)

“King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter.

DANIEL 3:16-18 (NIV)

17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace,
the God we serve is able to deliver us from it,

DANIEL 3:16-18 (NIV)

and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.

DANIEL 3:16-18 (NIV)
18 But even if he does not,
we want you to know, Your Majesty,

DANIEL 3:16-18 (NIV)
that we will not serve your gods
or worship the image of gold you have set up.

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Make sure we are fighting the **good fight**.

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 (NIV)

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering,
and the time for my departure is near.

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 (NIV)

7 I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 (NIV)

8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous Judge,

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 (NIV)

will award to me on that day—and not only to me,
but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

1

Make sure we are fighting the **good fight**.

2

Stand firm and don't be a **bully**.

ACTS 9:1-3 (NIV)

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples.

ACTS 9:1-3 (NIV)

He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus,

ACTS 9:1-3 (NIV)

so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

ACTS 9:1-3 (NIV)

³ As he neared Damascus on his journey,
suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

ACTS OF PAUL AND THECLA

“written about A. D. 150, there is a description of Paul which is probably the best, and a true tradition.

ACTS OF PAUL AND THECLA

In this he is described as 'small in size, bald-headed, bandy-legged, well built, with eyebrows meeting; rather long nosed.'"

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by those who oppose you.

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but that you will be saved—and that by God.

3

Who are our **opponents** today?

PHILIPPIANS 1:14 (NIV)

And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters
have become confident in the Lord

PHILIPPIANS 1:14 (NIV)

and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

JOHN 14:6 (NIV)

I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Standing strong for the **Gospel**

Your Biblical no budge zone

OUR PERSONAL BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF GOD

1. **God does not mess with my life. God loves me and has a definite plan for my life. He is always actively working behind the scenes of my life.**
2. **God is always there and cares even when I do not feel His presence.**
3. **God and His ways are always right, even when they seem hard.**
4. God's discipline in my life shows His love and care for me.
5. **Some of the questions I have will not be answered this side of heaven.**
6. I will tell all the truth all the time.
7. I will live as God's unique creation.

OUR PERSONAL BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF GOD

8. **I will not pout or complain or get grumpy as I get older. Life is too short.**
9. I will choose to be generous.
10. I will love one woman, Carol, all my life.
11. **Someone or something will be number one in my life, and for me it must be God all the time.**
12. I can easily drift and get disconnected from God.
13. **Life is not about me; it is all about God's glory and accomplishing His will.**
14. **I will live each day trying to discover more and more about God.**

When you know what you believe and who you believe in,
it is so much easier to stand and be fearless.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NIV)

7 But whatever were gains to me
I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NIV)

8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NIV)

for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage,
that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him,

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NIV)

not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,
but that which is through faith in Christ—

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NIV)

the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NIV)

10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings,

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NIV)

becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow,
attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

STEPS TO CHEERFUL GIVING



Not the goal,
just the target