Philippians

Christ is our life. Our joy is the progress of the gospel. We cannot help people follow Christ without an authentic model. Following Christ mandates living according to His likeness.

Therefore, Christ must be our mind and example of how to live in love. Walking with Christ is based upon our personal submission and humility.

Our delight and joy in life is not based upon adherence to religious activities but in modeling Christ. Although the standard is high, we press on towards the goal of authentic Christianity.

Following Christ results in a prayerful and yielded view of the temporal. Our perspective is changed to rest in God's provision and to live as stewards of His grace.

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1st Missionary Journey

- God can use anyone for His glory (1:5)
- what God begun, He will complete (1:6)
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