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What does this teach us about the importance of prayer?

What is the relationship between prayer and the Spirit?

Why does Paul refer to the Spirit as the Spirit of Jesus Christ?

When you are in a hard situation do you tend to go it alone or do you lean on the prayers of others?

Why is it important to have other people praying for you and not simply relying on your own prayers?

Paul speaks of honoring Christ in his body in both life and death.

What is the role of our bodies in our life of faith?

How does our culture devalue bodies?

How has the church devalued bodies?

What does it mean to honor Christ in you body? Give examples.

Paul sees Christ in both life and death.

How does this change and shape how we view death?

How does this change and shape how we view our lives?

Paul wants to help the Philippians progress in the faith.

What does this teach us about the life of faith?

How do we progress in the faith?

How do we help others progress in the faith?

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