

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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Philippians 4:21-23

“Greet all God’s people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God’s people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar’s household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.”

Maybe you’re like me. I find it awesome that the great commission is being taken seriously, and not just by big organizations and churches, but rather by each individual as their personal mission. Here and now. You and me. Yes, please, more of that! 😊

But sometimes I get the feeling in our evangelistic circles that the great commission - as challenging as it is - **is strictly understood as a personal mission**. I end up standing there alone, thinking to myself, “I have to do this *myself*; I have to bring people to Christ. Only then does it count...!”

It stresses and paralyzes me at the same time, even though I’m not active at all in evangelism... Do you know this feeling? Thankfully, Paul shows us here that it shouldn’t be this way!

He’s not alone on the road. Paul, the ‘Lone Ranger’. The superhero, the one who doesn’t need any help. No! He has companions, fellow workers who are all pulling together with him and are just as interested as he is in seeing the gospel spread and grow. We read here that it was very important for the fellow believers in Rome for Paul to send their greetings to the Philippian church, in that they practically were reminding the Philippians:

“We aren’t alone! You all aren’t alone! You personally aren’t alone! Isn’t that great?”

Let these words encourage you today! You aren’t expected to follow Jesus faithfully, serve Him and proclaim His gospel to the world all by yourself. Our Father in heaven has taken care of us by giving us brothers and sisters in the faith, with whom we are called to holy fellowship. Of course, we don’t always agree 100% on every little topic, but in this holy fellowship lies so much power, encouragement and comfort.

I’m excited to finally be able to see you all again, so that we can come together as a local church, proclaim the gospel to our city, and glorify our Lord together!

Prayer: *Thank You, Father, that You don’t leave me alone. Thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Helper, who’s with me in every situation. Lord, to You be the glory forever and ever. The whole world should see how great and glorious You are! Thank You for Your church, Lord, for brothers and sisters in the faith with whom we can cry and rejoice, who encourage and admonish me to stay on the right path! Give us unity, Lord, and a burning desire for You, Your Kingdom, and for the lost who don’t know You yet! Gift us with Your grace! Amen.*

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