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Hello Philippians...

- 1. Who, What, When, Why, How**
- 2. Don't Overlook the Greeting (1-2)**
- 3. A Prayer of Thanksgiving (3-8)**
- 4. A Prayer of Progress (9-11)**
- 5. Next Steps**

Context

- **Who - Philippi; Strategic city**
- **What - Pastoral communication**
- **When - After missionary journeys and extended legal trial**
- **Why - Encouragement; Unity**
- **How - Exhorting letter of friendship**

Don't Overlook the Greeting

Philippians 1:1-2

¹Paul and Timothy, **servants** of Christ Jesus, to **all** the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the **overseers and deacons:** ²**Grace** to you and **peace** from **God our Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Philippians 1:3-8

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with **joy**,
⁵because of your **partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that **He Who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Philippians 1:3-8

⁷It is right for me to **feel** this way about you **all**, because I hold you in my heart, for you are **all partakers with me** of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the **gospel**. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the **affection** of Christ Jesus.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Philippians 1:3-8

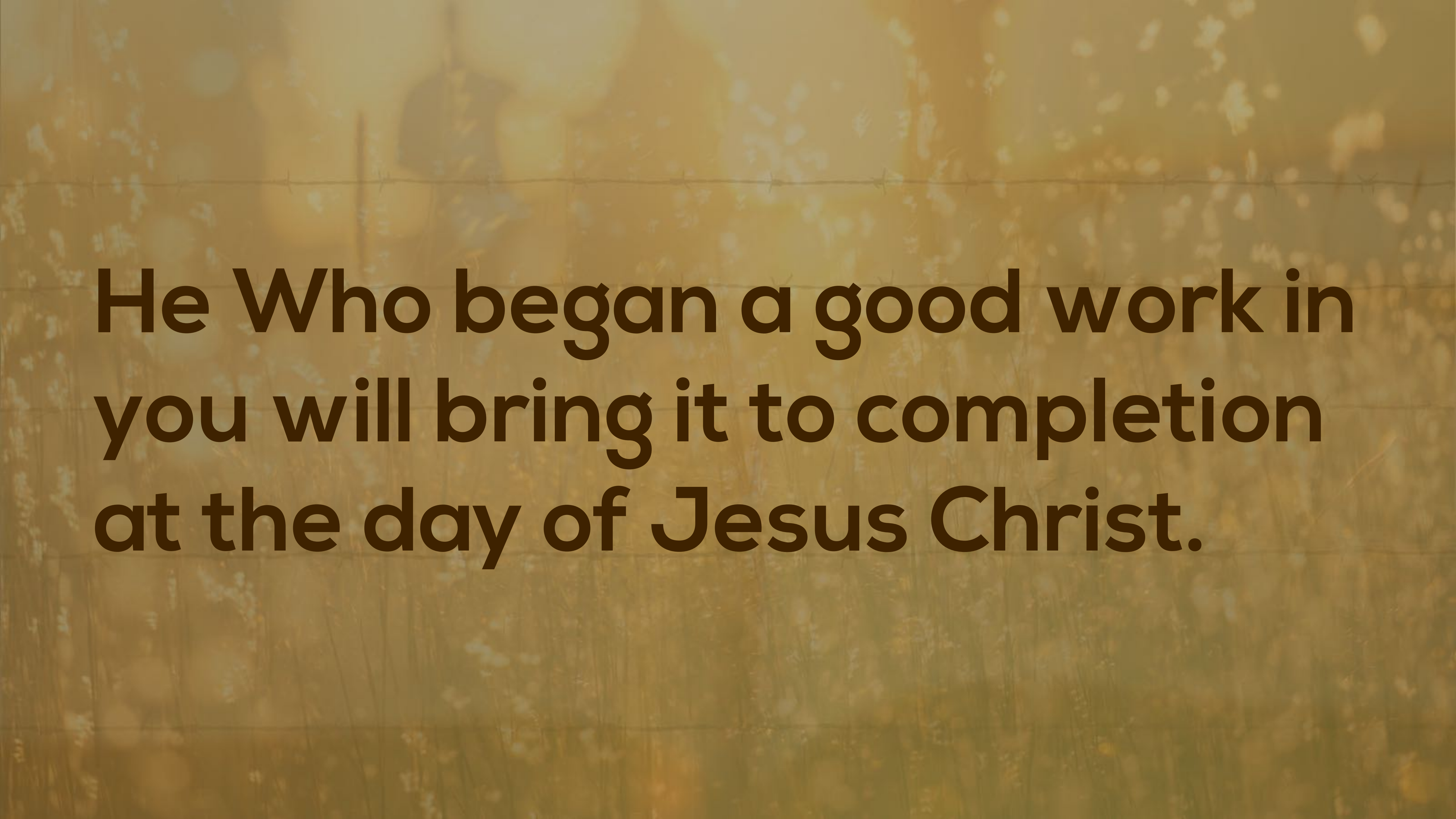
3-4 - Thank God with joyful prayer

5 - Partnership in the gospel

 6 - Certainty in God's work/plan

7 - Partakers in work of the gospel

8 - God as witness of affection

A person in a blue shirt is working in a field, possibly planting or tending to crops. A barbed wire fence runs across the foreground, partially obscuring the view. The background shows a line of trees under a bright sky. The overall scene is in a warm, golden-brown color palette.

**He Who began a good work in
you will bring it to completion
at the day of Jesus Christ.**

A Prayer of Progress

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A Prayer of Progress

Philippians 1:9-11

- **What**
 - Love may abound more and more (9a)
 - Knowledge and all discernment (9b)
 - Approve what is excellent (10a)
 - Filled with the fruit of righteousness (11a)
- **Why**
 - And so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ (10b)
- **Means**
 - Comes through Jesus Christ (11b)
- **End**
 - To the glory and praise of God (11c)

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Next Steps

I will wrestle with the following:

- **Am I part of the body of Christ?**
- **What evidence in my life do I see of such membership?**

Next Steps

I will ask God to move me to action

Next Steps

**I will take one step to further
partner in the gospel**