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**Does your present  
mission practice still  
connect or is it  
obsolete?**



# 1. The Promise of Partnership

“Gospel”

“Koinonia”



## Biblical bearings:

- **Philippians 1:1-5**  
(koinonia in the gospel of Christ)
- **Philippians 2:1-7**  
(koinonia in the Spirit of Christ)
- **Philippians 3:10,11**  
(koinonia in the suffering of Christ)

# Biblical bearings:

- *Partnership,*
- *Fellowship,*
- *Participation,*
- *Sharing,*
- *Contribution...*



## Biblical bearings:

### - **Philippians 1:1-5**

#### **(koinonia in the gospel of Christ)**

“ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your (**koinonia**) in the gospel from the first day until now,”



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## - Philippians 2:1-7 (koinonia in the Spirit of Christ)

“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any (**koinonia**) in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (next...)



## - **Philippians 2:1-7 (koinonia in the Spirit of Christ)**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”



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## Biblical bearings:

### - **Philippians 3:7-11** (**koinonia** in the suffering of Christ)

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and (**koinonia**) in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

*“The (koinonia) of his sufferings...”* Phil. 3:10

“The drift of the sentence is clear, even if the thought is breathtaking. The apostle longs to know Christ in such a personal and intimate way that he may enter into the deep experience of His resurrection and sufferings.” Ralph P. Martin



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“The fellowship of suffering has special meaning for our life of prayer...prayer for all those who suffer, who have not experienced wholeness through forgiveness and healing...prayer, especially intercession, is an expression of our greatest love. Instead of keeping pain away from us, loving prayer leads us into the suffering of God and of others. The deeper our love of God, the deeper our love of others. The deeper our love, the more we will suffer. The more we suffer, the more we will pray.” Maxie D. Dunham





## 2. The Problem of Practice

The enemy of koinonia is fear, often manifesting in 'transaction' and control

The remedy is found in the gospel...



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