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WOW – Word on Wednesday
THE TIES THAT BIND
Witness Working Together
Philippians 1:1-27

Intro: In these opening verses, Paul mediates on his relationship with the Philippian Church. He notes some reasons why their fellowship has been so close and why it had endured during the years. I felt that it would be appropriate, as we are only two months away from a brand new year, to remind us of the ties that bind us together in love and fellowship.

1. We Share the Same Salvation (vs 20-21)

- Salvation brings eternal life. John 10:28
- It unites people of different backgrounds.
- Salvation is available for all who have need!! Romans 3:23; 6:23
- Salvation is the primary tie that binds in the Church of God's people.

2. We share the same Servant Spirit (vs 25-27)

- These believers, among Paul, were true servants.
 - Mutual care (vs 3-4): Empathy
 - Mutual prayer (vs 4): There are times we cannot bear a physical load, but we can uplift a heavy load with prayer!
 - Mutual love: Here is the true key to successful fellowship!

3. We share the same Sincerity (vs 7)

- The Philippian Church was very serious and sincere about their work and witness for the Gospel of Christ!
- Church wasn't a social gathering, it was the Lord's business!
- They were held together with a desire to serve the Lord.
- I wonder, are we as sincere about our commitment here at Grace as we need to be?