

## Confidence in His Completing His Work

Philippians 1:6, FBCG – January 24, 2021

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV) <sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 127:1 (NIV) Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NIV) <sup>1</sup> This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup> "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, <sup>8</sup> and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. <sup>9</sup> And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, <sup>10</sup> and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. <sup>11</sup> "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.'

Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV) <sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you.

<sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

John Calvin in his commentary on Phil 1:6... *"Let, therefore, believers exercise themselves in constant meditation upon the favors which God confers, that they may encourage and confirm hope as to the time to come, and always ponder in their mind this syllogism: God does not forsake the work which his own hands have begun, as the Prophet bears witness, ([Psalm 138:8](#); [Isaiah 64:8](#);) we are the work of his hands; therefore he will complete what he has begun in us. When I say that we are the work of his hands, I do not refer to mere creation, but to the calling by which we are adopted into the number of his sons. For it is a token to us of our election, that the Lord has called us effectually to himself by his Spirit."*

Psalms 139:13-17 (NIV) <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, <sup>16</sup> your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. <sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Ephesians 1:3-6 (NIV) <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) <sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The word here for workman ship is poiéma: a work – poem.

Philippians 2:12c-16 (NIV) ...-continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV) <sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.<sup>0</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Philippians 4:13 (NIV) <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Ruth Bell Graham died in June 14, 2007 “End of construction – thank you for your patience”.

Joshua 1:8-9 (NIV) <sup>8</sup> Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) <sup>10</sup> So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (NIV) <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

**Application:**

- For those who know Jesus.... God's not finished with you!!
- For those of you who know Christ followers... he is not done with them! And for those who have not yet come to Christ, we hold out hope for them knowing that Christ desires that non should perish but all to come into repentance (2 Peter 3:9).
- Become convinced that God is the good Architect, Builder and wants to meet all your needs according to His glorious riches (Philippians 4:19).
- God has a good work for you to do so ask him what this is (if you don't know).
- As much as it depends upon you, yield, trust, submit, surrender, obey, love... all things in Christ!
- Regardless of what you have done and where you are at.... He will bring you to completion. Seek Him with all your heart. Don't get weary, don't throw in the towel, don't give up!