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Last Sermon at Ridge Baptist Church (Retirement Message)

I Thank My God for You

Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may 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.

THANKFUL - v.3

JOYFUL - v.4

- Joyful that God allowed me to be a pastor.
- Joyful to have gained eternal friendships.
- Joyful to work together as God's partners

HOPEFUL - v.5-6

- You will continue to seek and do God's will.
- You will persevere to Jesus returns

PRAYERFUL - v.3-4, 9

- Your Love will grow
- Your knowledge of God will increase
- Your lives will become the image of Christ
- Your lives will bring Glory to God