

KEEPING IT **3** IN A SPLIT-APART TOGETHER WORLD

PHILIPPIANS: A LETTER FOR OUR TIMES

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Read Philippians 1:8-11

Using a Bible app (or physical copies if you have them), read this passage in a few different translations. Then write out your own paraphrase of these verses. What themes stand out to you?

Compare these verses to 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13. What overlaps? What's different?

In practical terms, what does it look like for love to overflow? How would we know if that is happening in our lives?

Paul says we need discernment to know what is best (v. 10). What is one area where you feel like you could use discernment right now?

Using the paraphrase you wrote, pray Paul's prayer for yourself and specific people you know:

- *that love would increase for each other*
- *that our understanding of one another could grow*
- *that we can have the discernment to know how to navigate these times*
- *that we could be pure and blameless in our decisions*
- *that we will be full of the fruit of righteousness (See Galatians 5:22-23)*