



Introduction:

- During my senior year of high school, I was a starter on the varsity basketball team. However, even though I started the game, I didn't very often finish the game. That made for some frustration.
- Did you ever feel that you started out the Christian life with all the enthusiasm in the world, but now you're at what seems like a standstill? Or do you know people in your life who started the Christian life well, but seemingly aren't finishing too strongly?
- If so, I hope you will find encouragement from today's message.

Paul Was _____ For the Philippians' Partnership in the Gospel.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:3, 5).

...from the _____

...until _____

...and at the _____.

But His _____ Came From a Deep Confidence in Something Far Greater.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (v. 6).

Paul's confidence in God was a settled fact. He knew that God was at work and in control. He was confident that God was working about whatever was happening for His greater glory. When we possess that kind of confidence, we have a solid platform built within us – a solid platform upon which joy can rest.

Charles R. Swindoll, **Laugh Again**, p. 39

Began

Complete

**Not only on the cross did Jesus declare, "It is finished!",
but He Himself is the _____!**

Get This!

**Joy for the Journey Comes From the Confidence
That God Always _____ What He _____.**