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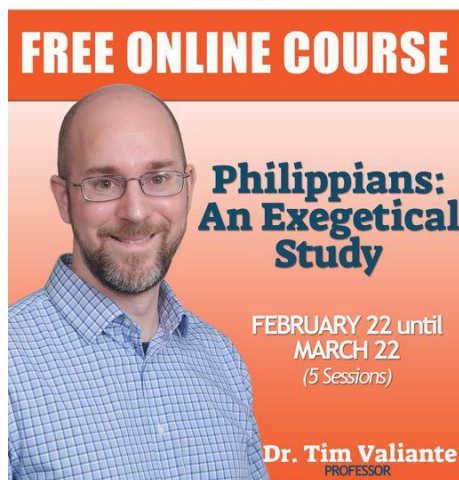


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Dear Supporters and Friends,

USING GIFTS FOR GOD'S GLORY. We eagerly await the chance to return to the Philippines. However, there is much we can do while we remain here in the United States. First, beginning February 22, Haven of Grace Seminary was able to offer a free online course in the book of Philippians.



(This course has run every Monday over the past four weeks with the final course being uploaded to our site next Monday). Naturally, this course is designed with our students at Haven of Grace Seminary primarily in mind, however, the course would be a benefit to anyone who wants to dig into Philippians, as well as to those who desire to gain additional tools for studying other New Testament Epistles. You can access the course via our website: <https://havenofgraceph.org/>

In addition to the instruction, you can also access 60+ pages of "exegetical notes." When I use the term "exegetical" it simply means an in-depth study of the "text"—dealing with questions and pertinent details surrounding the text. I have thoroughly enjoyed immersing myself in this portion of Scripture over the past few months—noting the importance of themes like: Partnership in the Gospel / Think or Mind or Care / Joy /

Unity / Humility / Ministers and Ministry and so much more! Check out the "word cloud" I developed below to see some of the major themes which course through the book of Philippians.

Together suffering God our Father Form  
Unity Affliction Jesus Christ servant God  
Humility **PARTNERSHIP** citizenship  
Think **IN THE GOSPEL** saints  
work Mind Adversaries Grace friendship  
conflict Ministry beware motivations Thank You!  
Peace Joy sacrifice Imprisonment plans gratitude care  
worry Ministers life death loss gain resurrection  
contentment Timothy Epaphroditus honor boasting perfection  
Judaizers

I have also had the privilege of teaching a short, 7-week course titled, "Introduction to Hermeneutics" at our home church (Lighthouse Baptist Church). Each Tuesday evening—for a little over an hour and a half—we work through this all-important subject. Although we have been moving through the material at a break-neck pace, it is a joy to see each student deepening their understanding of Scripture, and wrestling with some deep concepts.



On Sunday, February 21 our family was able to take part in Fairwinds Baptist Church's Missions Month. What a joy to see the dear folks there, as well as to spend some time with Pastor and Mrs. DeStefano. It's always a blessing to spend time with a fellow Italian! We always have such a wonderful time with this congregation and are grateful for their encouragement, and faithful support.

### **FINAL NOTES:**

**TRAVEL PLAN:** While the situation here in the States continues to improve, this is not the case in the Philippines. Within the past couple of days, the Philippines recorded their highest number of daily cases since the start of the pandemic. In fact, as I was writing this update I received an email from the US Embassy with the following subject line: Health Alert: Temporary Ban on Entry into the Philippines and New Restrictions. This temporary ban will be in effect from March 20-April 19. Although our hope is to return to the Philippines in August, this may not be possible if burdensome restrictions and overbearing requirements remain in place.

**SARAH'S HEALTH:** Thank you to those who have prayed for Sarah's health. Unfortunately, again due to lowering iron levels, Sarah needed another set of iron infusions (which she is in the middle of right now). These infusions will end this Friday. We are also looking into other possible causes for her low iron levels, and so Sarah will have a procedure next Tuesday (March 23) as we pursue further answers. Please continue to pray that the doctors would have wisdom to know how to best treat Sarah's physical needs.

Once more, thank you for your continued support and especially for your prayers on our behalf.

Serving Christ,  
The Valiantes  
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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### **Prayer Requests:**

- AUGUST, AUGUST, AUGUST! We are praying toward a return to the Philippines in August (though there is much that will need to fall into place for this to happen)
- For our online course in Philipppians (Haven of Grace Seminary) to end well
- For our course, *Introduction to Hermeneutics* (Lighthouse Baptist Church) to continue to go well
- For Sarah's health and for an upcoming procedure on March 23

### **Praises To God:**

- For God's continued provisions and blessings upon our family
- For a fruitful personal study in Philipppians