

# Here to There

## Getting Where God Wishes You Were

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We've all thought, "I'm here, but I wish I was there." God has plans for us and where we could be, too. Knowledge is power, and knowing what God wants for us is the beginning of the process to get us to where he wants us to be.

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- There's power in knowing.
  - Once you know, you can grow.
  - Where does God want you to be? What does God want for you?
  - And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight... | Philippians 1, v.9
  - It's hard to love someone you don't know. Knowledge is a powerful aspect of love.
  - If you're a follower of Jesus, God wants you to grow in your knowledge of him.
  - God wants you to know and love people around you by investing in those relationships.
  - ...so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ... | Philippians 1, v.10
  - If you don't grow in your love for and knowledge of God and others, you won't be able to discern what is best.
  - ...filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. | Philippians 1, v.11
  - As you grow, you learn to be more selfless, more loving, more giving. Your priorities change.
  - Philippians 1:4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...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. | Philippians 1, vv.4,6
  - God's gonna finish what he started in you.
  - God's desire is that you wouldn't be discouraged by the unfinished paintings in your life, but that you'd trust the process.
  - You may not know what the future holds, but you can know who holds the future.
  - To get to where God wants you to be, you need to be part of the process.
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "I'm here, but I wish I was there." What's at least one aspect of your life that isn't currently where or how you'd like it to be? Explain.
2. Knowledge is a powerful aspect of love—it takes hard work to know someone and love them well. Do you agree with that? How have you experienced this personally?
3. What do you think is the answer (or answers) to the question, "What does God want for me?"
4. What "unfinished" work is God still doing in your life, and what would it look like for you to be part of the process of continuing that work?