



Friends in the Gospel

Romans 16:1-16

Partners in the Gospel (23 Oct)

- a. The task to share the Good News is upon all Christians.
- b. We do this in partnership with the Holy Spirit and fellow believers.
- c. As partners of the Gospel with God's people, we are called to send, fellowship, pray, and encourage.

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Romans 16:21-24

Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you.

I, **Tertius, who wrote this epistle**, greet you in the Lord.

Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother. 24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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Do you have friends in the Gospel?

LIVE IT OUT:

- ✧ Remember a friend you have in the Lord
 - he/she is God's gift
- ✧ Take time to thank God for him/her
- ✧ Contact this person, if you have lost touch
 - he/she might need your encouragement right now
- ✧ Time to reconcile?
- ✧ Make a new friend in the Lord
 - take the first step to be vulnerable
 - ask God for one!!

Romans 16:16

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