Press On: Devotional One

**Summary: Thankfulness and Joy in a Team**

**Key Scripture (Philippians 1:3-6):**I thank my God whenever I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joybecause of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,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.

Take a moment. Think about Paul writing this from his prison cell. How can he be writing with Joy? Verse five answers that for us doesn’t it, ‘because of your (the church in Philippi) partnership in the gospel'. Paul is filled with Joy because the church he planted is working with him toward a common goal: glorifying Jesus! Even in jail, he is encouraged by them.

How good would it be if we at SwizYouth could be filled with joy by seeing each other follow Jesus, how good if we could call each other up even in a tough situation and be joyful because we have a common faith? We are a team working toward a common goal at church. You can encourage, pray for and 'partner with' your peers at the youth group.

**Reflect:** How can you be a good 'teammate' to your SwizYouth family? How might you encourage and support someone in your discussion group this week?

**Pray:** Thank God for your discussion group members, pray for them, ask God to strengthen their faith, and give you Joy.Pray that God would help you, even in hard situations, encourage and be encouraged by your group.