I Thank the Lord for You

TUNE: Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed (MARTYRDOM), with repeat *Philippians 1:3-11*



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TOPICS: Relationships; Mothers; Fathers; God's Love

LEAD-IN: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Touch of Christ

Many heroes in the Old Testament

give me glimpses of the coming Christ.

They foreshadow some aspect of Him –

people like Noah, Moses, Joshua, David, and others.

As I watch the way God works through them,

I get a little taste of the way He will shine through Jesus Christ.

But I also see Jesus in many dear people God has sent across my path:

my spouse,

parents,

teachers,

fellow workers, and

a host of wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ.

Though their likeness to Him is still partial and imperfect, it is

unmistakable and

beautiful.

In them, He is

warm,

caring, and

absolutely human.

The unseen Jesus has become

more real and

more present to me

because He has touched me

through the life of a friend.

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