



## THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS | JUNE 27, 2021 | CRAIG REES

### Key Scripture:

Philippians 1:1-5

Acts 2:40-42

Romans 1:1

### Big Idea:

Partnerships help us achieve things in Jesus that we can never achieve alone.

1. Who do you thank God for every time you think of them? Who causes you to be joyful? Why do these people make such an impression on you?
2. The foundation of our partnerships is based a relationship not a practice. Paul rejoices in his partnership in the Gospel. The word partnership is also translated as fellowship twelve times in the New Testament. This reminds us that a Christian partnership is built firmly upon a common relationship we share in Jesus Christ. In what ways has has a common relationship with Jesus helped you partner with other believers? How does a relationship with Jesus unite us?
3. According to Romans 1:1, partnerships serve a divine purpose. Our partnerships are to be intentional as well as relational. Can you think of a partnership you have formed that was intentional and bore fruit? What was it about the partnership that enabled you to succeed?
4. Partnerships are also strategic. Paul rejoiced in his partnership with the Philippians because it was a church in a strategic location. What strategic partnerships have you had? If you have, in what ways was the partnership strategic.
5. With an eye on Philippians, what makes a church partnership strategic?
6. As you heard a little of Pastor Sandi's story, what struck you most?
7. Would you commit to pray for our strategic church partnerships? We created our Water's Edge Family because we believed we could achieve things in Jesus together that we could never achieve alone. If you don't know each of our locations, visit [watersedge.org](http://watersedge.org) and spend time praying for each church.