



Co-Workers in the Gospel

Philippians 2:19-30

Read Philippians 2:19-30 together:

"I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. ²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me."

Study the passage together:

- ? What trait of Timothy does Paul highlight in verse 20?
- ? How is this trait defined in Philippians 2:3-5?
- ? With what is this trait contrasted in verse 21?
- ? Who in your life is good at active listening? What stands out to you about how they listen?
- ? What trait of Timothy does Paul highlight in verse 22?
- ? In the story of your faith, who are the people who helped you come to the gospel?
- ? Do you have anyone in your life who is like a spiritual parent or a spiritual child?
- ? What three terms does Paul use to describe Epaphroditus in verse 25?

? Why did Epaphroditus nearly die in verse 30?

? When was the last time you did something courageous for the work of Christ?

Application:

? Where could you pour yourself out for the Kingdom of God or take a risk for the sake of Christ this week?

? Who is a person in your life you could invest in spiritually this next month?