

The Unwavering Man
Portraits of Surrendered Men
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Philippians 2:16– 30 (NIV)

¹⁶...And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. ²⁵But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

PORTRAIT ONE: THE APOSTLE PAUL SURRENDERED HIMSELF

- **The Sacrificial Man Pours Himself Out.** (16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-7)

“Surrendering yourself is more than surrendering what you have, it’s surrendering your very life— It’s saying, Jesus I belong to You.”

PORTRAIT TWO: TIMOTHY SURRENDERED HIS WILL.

- **The Selfless Man Puts Others First.** (19-24; Philippians 2:3-5)

“The selfless man doesn’t ask what he wants rather he asks what Jesus wants and what others need.”

It's one thing to say, “God, I'll do what You want me to do.” It's another thing to say,

“God, I trust You with what happens next.” Abraham did just that.

Genesis 22:1-3, 9-14

PORTRAIT THREE: EPAPHRODITUS SURRENDERED HIS FUTURE

- **The Courageous Man Risks It All.** (25-30; Daniel 3:17-18; Esther 4:16)

“The courageous man surrenders the outcome.”

You cannot threaten a surrendered man with the loss of something he has already placed in God's hands.