

Series: That We May Know Him

Text: Philippians 2:19-30

**Main Idea:** Honor in the Lord those you see the Lord in.

Title/Hook: Medal of Honor

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Purpose: TO exhort Christians to Christ-like humility and service, following the examples of men like Timothy and Epaphroditus, and to honor those around us who we see this Christlikeness in.

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Christ Trajectory: Phil. 2:1-11. Christ the ultimate humble servant, who was then exalted. Humble yourselves Luke 14:11 - Honor in the Lord those you see the Lord in.

Apologetic: Why are men like Epaphroditus willing to risk their lives for the work of Christ?

Call to Worship:

Benediction:

Structure:

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): Why Paul wants to send Timothy and Epaphroditus to the Church in Philippi.

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Because Timothy is like a son to him, he has imitated Paul in his care for the saints, and will be genuinely concerned for them. Epaphroditus is a like a brother to him and nearly died for the work of Christ. They should rejoice in seeing him again, and honor men like him.

Exegetical Main Idea: Paul wants to send Timothy and Epaphroditus to the Church in Philippi because Timothy is like a son to him, he has imitated Paul in his care for the saints, and will be genuinely concerned for them. Epaphroditus is a like a brother to him and nearly died for the work of Christ. They should rejoice in seeing him again, and honor men like him.

Theological Main Idea: Those who serve selflessly and courageously for Christ are to be imitated and honored.

Homiletical Main Idea: The Christlikeness we see in others is worthy of imitation and honor.

Outline:

**Text:** Philippians 2:19-30

**1. Timothy, a son of proven worth who served selflessly (vv. 19-24)**

**Philippians 2:17-18** - <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

**2 Timothy 3:10-11** - <sup>10</sup> You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, <sup>11</sup> my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

**1 Corinthians 11:1** - Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**2. Epaphroditus, a brother worthy of honor who risked his life (vv. 25-30)**

**Philippians 4:14-18** - <sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

**1 Corinthians 16:15-18** - <sup>15</sup>Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints— <sup>16</sup>be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. <sup>17</sup>I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, <sup>18</sup>for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

**Quote – Sam Crabtree** – “God is glorified in us when we affirm the work he has done and is doing in others. To fail to commend the character of Christ in people is to fall into the same lackluster indifference of a person who never exclaims what a beautiful morning it is, thereby robbing the Creator of glory he deserves for making that sky, that volcano, that character.”

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