

July 2, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell Philippians 2:19–30 | "Two of a Kind"

## Sermon Application Review from Phil 2:12-18

How have you succeeded at "NO Whining" (2:14)? In what ways did you "hold fast/hold forth the word of life" (2:16)?

## **Scripture References**

Philippians 2:19–30 1 Corinthians 4:16–17 2 Timothy 2:1–4 Matthew 6:25–34; 16:24–27 Matthew 20:20–28 1 Corinthians 12:14–26 John 20:19–23

## **Study Questions**

- 1. Identify some people you respect for their godly lifestyle. Why do you admire them? How can such godly examples motivate you in your life and ministry? In what ways are you deeply concerned about the spiritual well-being of other believers (2:19–20)? How do you pursue the interests of others above your own (2:21)? In what specific areas are you genuinely selfless? What areas need work?
- 2. Whom are you presently serving (2:22)? Practically speaking, what does this look like? How do you engage in ministry as a team or partnership? How do you openly champion the labor of others? Would others say you are a person of "proven worth"? How can you seek to serve those in your life this week?
- 3. Would anyone in your life call you his or her brother/sister, a fellow worker, and a fellow soldier (2:25)? Why or why not? Who would you describe with these terms in your life? How has this individual helped you grow spiritually? Do you regularly express your deep love, respect, and appreciation for this person? If not, will you do so today?
- 4. What qualities in Timothy and Epaphroditus could be applied in your life? If Paul were writing about you to the folks at Philippi, how do you think he would describe your service for Christ? What are some practical ways you can honor servants of the gospel at CBC (2:29)?
- 5. Paul says that Epaphroditus risked his life for the work of Christ and the gospel (2:30). How have you sought to sacrifice for another brother or sister? How have you risked your own neck or reputation to share the good news with unbelievers?

## **Recommended Reading**

Ken Boa, The Perfect Leader: Practicing the Leadership Traits of God (Chariot, 2006)

Peter Scazzero, The Emotionally Healthy Leader: How Transforming Your Inner Life Will Deeply Transform Your Church, Team, and the World (Zondervan, 2015)

Lonnie Pacelli, Straight A's: 5 Proven Steps to Empower Your Team (Pacelli, 2023)

Larry Gilbert, Team Ministry: Gifted To Serve: How Spiritual Gifts Can Unleash the Power of Everybody (Churchgrowth.org, 2014)