

Faithful Servants Of Christ

Philippians 2:19-30

Main Idea: Christ advances His church through faithful servants who seek to live out and demonstrate His heart and character to others.

Introduction

- Whose life are you trying to imitate?
- Timothy and Epaphroditus are living illustrations of faithful servants
- What does it look like to be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ?

Timothy - vv. 19-24

- Christ-like humility - **vv. 20-21**
 - Timothy modeled a life of selfless-others serving humility - **Philippians 2:2-5; Matthew 20:25-28**
- Christ-like compassion - **v. 20**
 - Timothy had a genuine concern for others
- Christ-like faithfulness - **v. 22**
 - Timothy had been proven faithful - **1 Timothy 3:10; 1 Corinthians 4:17**

Epaphroditus - vv. 26-30

- Christ-like love - **vv. 26-27**
 - Epaphroditus genuinely loved the saints - **Philippians 2:3; Luke 6:36**
- Christ-like sacrifice - **vv. 28-30**
 - He risked his life for Christ and the work of the gospel - **Acts 20:24**
 - He deserved honor for the work he did and for the sacrifice he made - **Philippians 2:6-11**

So What?

- Is your life worth imitating?
 - **1 Corinthians 11:1**
- Is your life and ministry marked with faithfulness to Christ?

Now What?

- Read **Philippians 2:19-21**. What does the way we spend our time, energy, and resources reveal about whose interests we are really pursuing?
- Read **Philippians 2:22**. How does God's definition of faithfulness challenge the way we typically measure success in our lives and in the church?
- Read **Philippians 2:25-30**. What does sacrificial love actually look like in the ordinary life of a Christian and the local church?
- Read **Philippians 2:29-30**. What does our church tend to celebrate, and how can we become more intentional about honoring the kind of faithfulness Paul commends in this passage?