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Sermon Notes

Models of Servanthood

Philippians 2:19-30

1. Paul demonstrates a trait of holding our plans loosely before God. Can you remember or look back over your life to see moments where God has shifted or prevented your plans in ways that didn't make sense to you then? Reflect and pray on these events, reminding yourself of God's faithfulness and sovereignty. Evaluate the plans you are making now in your own life. Are they being made in pen, or are you making them in pencil, submitting to the eraser in God's sovereign hand?
Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 1:13; James 4:13-17; Philippians 4:6-7
2. Even the Apostle Paul recognized that the community of brothers and sisters and service to the church are necessary in the lives of every believer. Do you ever find yourself trying to follow Jesus in isolation? Are you actively seeking community in the body of Christ rather than just expecting it to come to you? God uniquely fits every believer in the church. What gift has God given you? How might he be leading you to serve? Remember that Timothy and Epaphroditus' motivation for service was about serving Christ. Their service to the church and to Paul flowed out of that motivation.
Proverbs 17:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Romans 12:4-5; 9-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25

3. Timothy and Epaphroditus modeled three character traits of humble servanthood for us to grow in together. Spend time evaluating them, thanking God for areas he has strengthened you and praying for growth in areas that are weaker. Are there people in your life who exemplify a particular trait who you could seek to disciple you as Paul did to Timothy?

-Genuine Concern

Luke 19:10; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 5:7

-Availability

Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 9:23-24; Acts 16:1-5; Romans 12:1-2

-Reliability

-Deuteronomy 31:6-8; Matthew 5:33-37; 28:20; Luke 12:42-48; John 14:16-17; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Philippians 2:22; Colossians 1:9-10