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Title: SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Main Scripture: Philippians 2:19-30

**Timothy: A Model of Genuine Concern and Faithfulness**  
(vv 19-24)

**Epaphroditus: A Model of Sacrifice and Courage**  
(vv 25-30)

## Service and Sacrifice - Philippians 2:19-30

June 8-9, 2024

The Small Group Sermon Study



**Prayer:** *God, we thank You for today. We thank You for the opportunity to sit in Your presence with those here. We pray that through this time together You will be glorified and praised in our study and conversation. We pray that You open our hearts, minds, and ears to what You have in store for us throughout this time. Amen.*

**Read Philippians 2:19-30 together. Ask the Holy Spirit if there is anything He wants to bring to mind as you begin. Listen and respond to His directions.**

1. What did you like and appreciate about this message? What was something that you learned from this message?

Read Philippians 2:19–30.

2. Pastor Wade brought up and broke down how Timothy was a model of genuine concern for others and faithfulness, shown in Philippians 2:19-24. How do you model these in your life?
  - a. Verses 19-21: Timothy’s genuine concern for the Philippians’ welfare.
    - i. Timothy’s heart for others.
    - ii. Serving with genuine care and selflessness.
  - b. Verses 22-24: Timothy’s proven worth and faithful service alongside Paul.
    - i. Timothy’s reliability and dedication.
    - ii. A commitment and faithfulness in serving the church.
3. Pastor Wade asked, “Do people look at you as someone who can be counted on as reliable and dedicated in your building of the church and the Gospel?”
  - a. Why would this apply or not to you?
4. Pastor Wade brought up and broke down how Epaphroditus was a model of sacrifice and courage, as shown in Philippians 2:25-30. How do you model these in your life?
  - a. Verse 25: Epaphroditus’ roles (brother, worker, soldier, messenger).
    - i. Multifaceted serving.
    - ii. Being flexible and willing to serve in various capacities.
  - b. Verses 26-27: Epaphroditus’ near-death experience and concern for the Philippians.
    - i. A sacrificial love and concern for others, even in illness.
    - ii. Making sacrifices for the sake of others.
  - c. Verses 28-30: Paul commends Epaphroditus and the call to honour him.
    - i. Recognizing and honouring dedicated service.
    - ii. Creating a culture of appreciation and honour.
5. How can we apply what we learned from Timothy and Epaphroditus to our lives?
  - a. How can you serve the church and the people in it like they did?
  - b. How can you take someone under your wing and help them grow just as Paul did with Timothy?

**Prayer:** *God, again we thank you for today. We thank you for your spirit that is with us today. We thank you that we can learn how to serve and how to lead from individuals you have used in the past. As we leave from here, we pray that your heart for your people would be imprinted onto our hearts so that we can serve your church and your people more effectively and more genuinely. May your will be done here as it is in Heaven. Amen*