

Different Voices

Lesson 19

Philippians 2:1-11, 2:12-18, 2:19-30

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<p>Philippians 2:1-11</p> <p>Imitating Christ's Humility</p> <p>¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.</p> <p>⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:</p> <p>⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;</p> <p>⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.</p> <p>⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!</p> <p>⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,</p> <p>¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,</p> <p>¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</p>	Observations column content	Interpretation & Questions column content
Application What does it mean to me?		
<p>Footnotes:</p> <p>a. Philippians 2:6 Or <i>in the form of</i></p> <p>b. Philippians 2:7 Or <i>the form</i></p>		
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<p>Philippians 2:19-30</p> <p>Timothy and Epaphroditus</p> <p>¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.</p> <p>²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.</p>		
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Reflections

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Scriptures:

Psalm 149:4

Mark 10:45

Question:

Identify someone who has been like Timothy and Epaphroditus to you. Share about how they changed your life. Have you thanked them?

