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Sermon Notes for May 3rd, 2026
“A Journey through the Book of Philippians”
“Encouraging Servants”

Sermon text: **Philippians 2:19-30**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 147:1-6**; Gospel Text: **Matthew 6:19-24**.

Read **Philippians 2:19-30 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Philippians 2:19-30: I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. ²⁵I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

1. Read **Philippians 2:19**. Why could sending Timothy to the Philippian church result in Paul being cheered by news of the Philippians?

2. Read **Philippians 2:20-22**. How does Timothy differ from other servants of the Lord Paul might send to the Philippians?

3. Read **Philippians 2:23-24**. What does Paul want to know before he sends Timothy to the Church in Philippi?

4. According to **Philippians 2:24**, what is Paul fairly confident of?

5. Read **Philippians 2:25-26**. Who is Epaphroditus?

6. Why did Paul feel he must soon send Epaphroditus back to the Philippians?

7. Read **Philippians 2:27-28**. What had been wrong with Epaphroditus?

8. Why was Paul so anxious to send Epaphroditus back to the Philippians?

9. Read **Philippians 2:29-30**. How were the Philippians supposed to receive Epaphroditus?

10. Why were they to honor him in this way?

11. What will you remember most from this message?