



Laying It All on the Line

PASTOR MIKE YODER • PHILIPPIANS 2:19–30

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.

Philippians 2:19

I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.

Philippians 2:20

For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:21

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.

Philippians 2:22

I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me.

Philippians 2:23

And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

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.

For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.

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.

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.

So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him,

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.

Philippians 2:30





If the Philippians pay careful attention to the lives of these men and follow their example, they will find themselves living as citizens of God's Kingdom in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Matthew Harmon



**Followers of Jesus serve
the Gospel by living other-
centered lives. (2:19–24)**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves,

Philippians 2:3

not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Being genuinely concerned about others is easy when it causes no personal inconvenience. But the true test is when genuine concern means neglecting one's own interests for the sake of others.

Matthew Harmon

The work of the Gospel provides not only the foundation for the community but also the continuing direction for community life.

Walter Hansen

It is hard to imagine a more certain antidote to any number of struggles that consistently plague the local church than this one — that God's people all be as Timothy in terms of their putting the interests of others as the matter of first importance.

Gordon Fee



Followers of Jesus risk their lives
for Gospel advance and should
be commended. (2:25–30)

He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

Mark 14:33

Paul's prescription for joy does not include the removal of all sorrow but such a focus on presence of the Lord within the experience of sorrow that rejoicing in the Lord becomes the predominant theme of life.

Joy does not mean the absence of sorrow, but the capacity to rejoice in the midst of it.

Gordon Fee

Epaphroditus did not make his own safety and security his number one priority; he courageously risked everything, including his own life, to fulfill the mission given to him. He put himself in harm's way...

and exposed himself to great dangers to accomplish his work. His example stands as a constant challenge to all followers of Christ who seek personal security above personal sacrifice in the service of Christ.

Walter Hansen

Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.”

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me and for the Gospel will save it.”

Mark 8:35

Our churches today need men and women who are burdened for missions and for those in difficult places of Christian service. The problem in our churches is that we have too many spectators and not enough participants.

Warren Wiersbe



**Followers of Jesus give
ongoing evidence that their
lives are not their own.**