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Keep right on going, all right? Philippians chapter number two, verse number 19. When we have it, can we say amen?

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I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth. How as a son with a father, he has served with me in the gospel. I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me. And I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. I 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. For he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you have heard that he was ill. Indeed, 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. I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me." And you could be seated. So I'm going to ask you to be patient with me this morning and settle in for about a good 45 to 50 minutes or so. So brace yourself as we take some time to go to the Word of God this morning. We've now reached the halfway point in Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. When we began this letter three months ago, I mentioned that our study of Philippians wasn't a result of great planning, but rather divine direction. My plan was to journey through Luke with an eye towards Jesus's humanity, which displays his amazing humility. However, if you remember, I said I didn't want to start a gospel just before the holiday season, because it's important for us to all be involved in the introduction of any letter that we study as a body. So as I chose Philippians, or should I say as the Holy Spirit led us to Philippians, I also said this

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One of the major themes of this letter is joy and it seemed fitting that at this time of the year we could focus on joy. What I love is how the Lord works. See, he takes joy as a major theme in this letter and shows that divine joy is only experienced when Jesus, others, and the advancement of the gospel becomes a central focus of our lives. It's when we can say as Paul, to live is Christ and to die is gain, that we truly come to know humility and thus find divine joy.

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No, thank you, Salah. Thank you, Courtney. So, as I was saying, as a body of believers, we come together, we want to study at the exact same time. And so as we were talking about this particular letter, it's only when we can say, as Paul said, to live as Christ and to die as Gain, that we truly come to know humility and thus find divine joy. Now, as we've been studying this letter, Paul's love for the Philippian church leaps off the page. And the reason for his deep affection wasn't just a byproduct of the joy they brought him through their fellowship in the Spirit. It was also a result of their joint participation in the gospel of Jesus Christ. This body of believers had the same mind, love, and purpose as Paul when it came to advancing and living for the gospel. And this brought Paul great joy. It in no way meant that they were perfect. See, while Paul was thankful for the fellowship and love of the gospel and himself, he seized this opportunity to address a developing issue of unity amongst them. He did it by way of encouragement and instruction. He exhorted them as a church to stand firm, striving side by side in one spirit with the same love and purpose they shared with him. And then in love, he instructed them how to achieve and maintain that unity. It's through divine humility which always gives way to selflessness and loving obedience. It's at this moment that Paul now turns to Jesus as the perfect illustration showing how his loving obedience to the will of the Father is a true mark of divine humility. Beloved Jesus as a son placed the will of the Father above everything to the point of death. It was this supreme act of humility marked by willful obedience that made possible our unity in the Spirit. Jesus, Son of Man, counted others, that is sinful man, more significant than himself. This is what led to the therefore in Philippians 2.12. It's here where Paul calls upon the believers in Philippi to work out their salvation. In other words, Paul is saying just as Jesus, who was God humbled himself in becoming man, surrendering to the leading of the spirit who empowered him not only through his ministry, but through his death, burial, resurrection and ascension. We too must like Jesus, humbly submit to the Holy Spirit who now works in us both to will and to work for the Father's good pleasure. Like Jesus, it should be our desire to do that which is pleasing to our Father with a joyful and a willing heart. If Jesus is Lord of our lives, then His attitude should be our attitude. Remember, attitude reflects leadership. When we as children of God, abounding in love for our Father, willingly submit to Jesus as Lord without complaining, without disputing the things we experience this side of heaven. This will cause us to become what Paul desired the Philippians to be. Remember what he said in Philippians 1, 9, and 10? And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so And so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ If we're to be pure and blameless that we must mature in love That's coupled with knowledge and discernment. If you remember discernment is not choosing between good and bad but between best and better It's where we learn to trust God's provincial will for our lives Providential will for our lives. It's where we willingly accept everything that's coming from Him. Beloved, love, knowledge, and discernment are key. These growing areas not only teach us how to live in a manner worthy of the gospel, they produce the humility within our hearts, causing us to be becoming, to be becoming by character and conduct, blameless and innocent children of God without blemish in a crooked and perverse generation as we studied last week. Paul's desire for our purity isn't just centered on the day of Christ. He desires the church to work out their salvation through the Holy Spirit's power so that our personality will match our proclamation. Beloved, what we say should match how we live. Our conduct should match the content of the Word of God so that they would be found pure and blameless, so that they would be shining as lights in a dark world. Paul knew this would not only bring joy now, but joint rejoicing for them all in eternity. That's kind of a recap of where we've been. Now this brings us to our opening verses. Paul, already having encouraged the Philippians to walk in humility by using Jesus as a perfect example, now moves to present this way of life by speaking about two men, two men they personally knew, two men who embodied what it meant to work out

your salvation with fear and trembling. Now as we closed out last week, Paul said this in verse 17 of Philippians 2, even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. If you recall, Paul closed by expressing his desire to not labor in vain, not because of what his labor produced for himself, but because of what it meant to Jesus Paul was willing to die To be poured out like a drink offering and catch this on top of their sacrificial service to God Paul Paul actually counted their service more significant than his own The drink offering was considered the lesser part of the sacrificial offering poured on top of the greater part. So notice how he likens his service to the drink offering being poured on top of their service making their service more and the major sacrificial offering. If one desired an example of humility of working out your salvation then one needed to look no further than Paul who served the gospel sacrificially willing to die in service to the faith. There was no complaining or disputing against the Lord, just joyful sacrificial service which caused them to live without blemish, shining as a light in a dark world. But physically we grow and we expect to grow. The same should be true spiritually. This is why Paul exhorted them to work out their salvation. He knew what it produced. Romans 12 1, I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercy of God, to present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Paul presents working out our salvation as a way of life. Every day as children of God, we should desire to be like our father, to be like our savior and Lord Jesus, to live in the power of the Holy Spirit within us. Can I tell you, I wake up and by the time the day ends, I see how far short I fell. If you go to bed completely content that you did everything that the Lord had you to do and that your day was just perfect, look again. Look again. So this picture that Paul is painting, sacrifice is germane to God's nature. It is germane to ours also because we're partakers of God's divine nature. Thus making humble, loving, obedient, and sacrificial living a way of life for all of God's children. Now Paul has already presented Jesus as the perfect example. He spoke about his sacrificial labor towards them and if we're honest we're enamored by Paul not just because of his conversion but because of his unrelenting service to Jesus as well listen as Paul speaks to the elders from Ephesus Acts 20 24 but I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself if only I may finish my course in the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Paul only saw his life as a means to glorify the Lord Jesus. I love the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as this chapter ends. See it's easy to say Jesus was God and Paul was directly called by God. Therefore, their single-minded sacrificial living was divinely empowered. And guess what? You would be right. However, we must remember, ours is divinely powered by the same Holy Spirit that empowered them. And as believers, we need to not only know that, but walk in it. Now, to illustrate this, the Holy Spirit moves upon Paul to write about his dear friends and brothers in Christ. He uses them as a perfect model of presenting one's body as a living sacrifice. Two men that they were familiar with, Timothy and Epaphroditus. Let's look at Timothy for a minute. Paul says in Philippians 2 19, I hope when the Lord Jesus sent Timothy to you soon so that I too may be cheered by news of you. Listen, after talking about shining his lights, Paul says it is his hope in the Lord to send Timothy back to the believers in Philippi. Note where his hope lies, not in the world, but in the Lord. This wasn't a common Christian expression as we have so many of them today. Paul, hope, Paul's hope, his love, his boast. Do you know I was always centered in the Lord? Meaning Jesus was the center of his will is Jesus the center of your will this morning For the past couple of weeks we've been talking about a lot of different things over the past month We've been talking a lot about humility And I don't know about you But as I said, it's caused me to sit at home at my desk Just looking out the window thinking a lot about my life, thinking a lot about what I do and thinking about how much of my life I still don't give to God. Listen, we're all good at service and doing different things for the Lord, but I'm talking about Him being the center of everything that you are and everything that you do to the exclusion of everything else. This was Paul. Jesus was the center of his will. Therefore it was his hope as a believer to send Timothy to them and then immediately he explains why. So he could see how they were doing. So he could be cheered by how they were doing. Remember Paul's under house arrest. He couldn't go see them on his own but he wanted to be encouraged by hearing how they were doing. Paul's outlook was hopeful not defeating. Something we as believers might want to think about. You ever sit around somebody, we talked

about this before, where there's always something negative. He says, listen, I'm looking to send Timothy to you because I want to be cheered. He's not thinking there's a problem. He wants to be cheered by hearing how well they're doing. An outlook that we need to embrace. Now since Paul couldn't go, he sent Timothy the next best thing. I'll explain that to you in a minute. It's with this in mind, let's take a look at Timothy, his relationship to Paul. As Paul encountered him on a second missionary journey, Acts chapter number 16, verse number one. Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. And we know Timothy was half Greek and half Jewish according to this text. Much is not said about his father. What we can conclude is since Timothy wasn't circumcised, he likely grew up under Greek influence. Now we know his grandmother Eunice and mother Lois or Lois and Eunice, I'm not sure which one, both the names of mom and grandma had a huge influence on him coming to saving faith. We don't know exactly at what point Timothy became a believer, but we know by the time Paul met him he was. Now Paul's on a second missionary journey. And it was something about this young man that moved upon Paul's heart to bring him along with him. Like a father would take a son on a trip. She reminds me of Jonathan and David you remember after David killed Goliath Saul brought David into his home. When Saul's son, Jonathan, saw David for the first time, 1 Samuel 18, one says, "As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, "the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of Saul, "and Jonathan loved him as his own soul." Loved him as his own soul. But just as there was a uniting of souls with Jonathan and David, it's clear there was something special about Timothy to Paul. Another thing to note is that Timothy accompanied Paul when he first preached in Philippi. So his sending of Timothy to them wouldn't have been unusual. However, that wasn't Paul's sole reason for sending Timothy. Remember I said a second ago, Paul sent Timothy the next best thing? Here's what I meant by that. Listen to how he describes him. For I have no one like him who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. Let's talk about those words, no one. Now, it's clear as we read Paul's letters, there were many men and women who served alongside Paul. In fact, in Romans chapter number 16, the very last chapter Paul lists some 30 different people in whom he says to welcome and to honor so we know that he served alongside a lot of men and women who served faithfully and diligently the gospel of Jesus Christ. Herbert Timothy was different and the words Paul used to describe this was like him. He says, I have no one like him. That word, like him, isosuke, it means one soul. He says, there are a lot of people that are serving, but I don't have anyone like him. He is like-minded, like character. We have the same motives. In the secular Greek it conveys the idea of having much in common, sharing the same feelings. So just as Jonathan and David were one soul, Paul saying I'm sending Timothy because when it comes to how I think, feel, and respond, he's just like me. Listen to what I'm saying right now. When it comes to sending somebody, he's going to think, feel, and respond just like me. This isn't to say that no one else in Paul's eyes ever accomplished anything except Timothy. That wasn't what he was saying at all. He had a deep affection for the church in Philippi. His desire was to send someone whose love and affection for them would be as if he came himself. This was a picture. Paul saw this in someone he knew who would genuinely be concerned for their welfare just as he would. Please key in just as he would. Soapbox please. I'm gonna stand on it for a minute. There There have been many times I've been told, I need to let some things go. I need to trust others to take control over this or that as it relates to things that affect the believers in this local body. Can I tell you something? I'm not naive enough to think I'm the only one who cares about the welfare of this local church body. The issue has never been whether or not we have men or women who care or capable of leading. The question has always been will it be with the same level of care, concern, and love that I have for the men, women, and children in this local body. Paul knew others cared, but he also knew their care was not like his. The only person that Paul knew would care for them like him was Timothy. I'm going to make another statement. Sometimes I hear people say, I get it, but Pastor Will, we don't have to care in the same manner or the same level of concern in order to say that we love the people within this church. I agree with you. Let me ask you a question as a parent. How do you decide who to call when you need someone to sit with your kid?

Let's make it easy. Are you comfortable with any mother here within this local body coming to your house to sit with your child for a few hours? You know them. You've been fellowshiping with them for a couple of years. You see their kids. They're still walking They seem to be okay So let me ask you how comfortable do you feel? But if we're honest, there are certain people we would ask and others we wouldn't can we just be real? Why? Because our desire is someone who will genuinely care for our children's welfare just like us That's why most of the time people immediately turn to family first. They trust that family members will have the same love and concern for their child's welfare as they do. Beloved, this is my family and sometimes it's hard for me to articulate that even in my own house. But when I say that I have a love and care and concern for everybody that's in this building it's exactly what I mean and it's not matched by everybody. That's a bold statement, but it's a true statement. That doesn't mean everybody here doesn't love one another, but it's not the same, any more than it would be the same if you needed someone to come and sit with your child today as we're leaving service. You would think twice about who it is. We turn to family first, and here's what's interesting that's exactly what Paul did he turned to family first his spiritual son Timothy Paul knew his son would genuinely be concerned for their welfare my grandson stayed the night in my house last night and he could be a little high strung like his mother and so he came in my room a couple different times and he's like okay grandpa um you hear that door downstairs? Somebody came through the door. I'm like, no one came in the door. I didn't hear anything. He said, you didn't hear that? He's looking out my door downstairs.

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Meanwhile, the 18 months I was just walking out, Grandpa, you got chocolate? 10 o'clock at night. And so I'm like, we're good, everything's safe, right? And so he goes back in his room. He comes back again, I look at him and I said, Nash, you're with grandpa. Nothing will happen to you here. Think about who you're with. You're with your grandfather. You're with your aunt. You're with your grandmother. You're with your cousins. You are 100% safe, even though your mother should be here watching you. Of course, I didn't say all that. Okay. And so you are 100% safe. Okay. And so this is the message I was sending him, but he was safe because he was with family Meanwhile I had another granddaughter who for the first time spent the night at a friend's house I Was a little bit on age my nine-year-old because she's spending time away from home. I don't really know them I'm grilling my daughter about them like yeah, how well do you how well do you know these people you got a GPS? You got a little jack on her wish. Yeah, what's she doing right now, right? And so did you text her, did you talk to her on her iPad, so on and so forth, right? So these are all the thoughts. I get up this morning and I say to my daughter, I said, did she respond to your, you text her iPad, did she respond? She said, she responded, yeah, like at 1030, but I was asleep. I was like, what kind of parent is this? Anyway, nevertheless, why am I telling you these two stories? Because I was concerned for one, because I didn't know who she was with completely, but I was never concerned for the other because I knew exactly who was watching him, myself, my wife, my daughter. So I want you to get the picture right. I don't say this to say that people in here don't love one another. That's not what I'm saying. I'm comparing it to a concern that I know that I have. I'm comparing it to a concern that I have for the welfare of everyone not just certain people. I Don't just click with some people in the church body I'm here for everybody within the church body Regardless of what they're going through or what's happening It doesn't make me special This is what the Lord has placed on me So I want us to think about this for a minute If you've been a believer for a while You know that the lord is calling us to do different things To get this picture of how we're supposed to continue moving forward and moving in the direction in which he would have us to go I want us to make sure that we're on the same page When when we start talking about what it means to care for one another How to love one another. If you're a Christian, there are a lot of people willing to lend a hand

in service to the Lord. However, you also know not everyone shares the same concern or care when they're lending that hand. Sometimes we think that just being available to serve Christ is enough, but for a Christian, service void of the heart is nothing more than works void of faith. Paul's desire was a man after his own heart. Remember he said, imitate me as I imitate Christ in 1 Corinthians 11. And since we know his heart was the heart of Christ, then it's easy to see why Paul chose Timothy as he shared Paul's same sacrificial love for others. He wasn't just his protege. Here people say it, his understudy, his protege. In every way he was his son sharing in his spiritual father's love. This is how he addressed him. He became one of the church leaders in Ephesus and Paul writing a letter in 1st Timothy 1.1 he says, Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope. To Timothy my true child in the faith Paul wanted them to know He wanted everybody to know who he was. I'm not just sending anyone to care for you I'm sending my very own son Love I want you to think about this for a second. They knew Timothy and as Paul wrote to them He wanted them to know who he was sending and why they could trust him. So he reminds them of his character and service. Verse 22 of Philippians 2, but you know Timothy's proven worth. How as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. He's speaking like a proud father. Paul's saying you know he's been tested. And while he doesn't describe how, he implies by saying he serves with me like a son does his father. If you know anything about Paul's ministry, which they did Then they knew Paul endured many things and his son in the faith Timothy was right there with him Timothy's character and service was proven and tested and this was important is Paul didn't want them to think Timothy was just a substitute who hadn't went through anything It wasn't because of Timothy's proven worth that Paul, it was because of Timothy's proven worth that Paul in correcting the Corinthian church wrote these words 1st Corinthians 4 14 I do not write these things to make you ashamed but to admonish you as my beloved children for though you have countless guides in Christ you do not have many fathers for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel I urge you then be imitators of me that is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child of the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ as I teach them everywhere in every church. Timothy wasn't just a young man who learned from Paul. Beloved like a father, Paul sent his faithful son to communicate his ways. Notice how he says that. I'm sending a faithful child of the Lord to remind you of my ways in Christ. Paul in every way is saying I'm still sending someone but I'm sending myself to you. Beloved, discipleship is all about reproducing oneself in another. Luke 640 says a disciple is not above his teacher but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Timothy had a servant's heart just like Paul. And here's how we know it. Let's go back to verse 21 because I jumped over it. For they all seek their own interests not those of Jesus Christ. I'm about to double down. Paul's saying, I don't have anyone that will care for you in the same manner as I would accept Timothy, because everyone else seeks their own interests and not that of Jesus. It's a bold statement. Let's quantify it. First, we know Timothy and Aristarchus were with Paul, as he said, under house arrest, along with Timothy. So there were other believers believing men with Paul. So the picture Paul is painting goes far beyond the men with him. We need to remember unity was becoming an issue in Philippi and Paul is addressing the root cause for this lack of unity, selflessness. Remember he exhorted them back in verses 3 or 4 of chapter number 2, do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interest but also to the interest of others. The growing attitude among some in Philippi was to put self first. In fact, Paul mentioned that some who were aware of his imprisonment began to preach Christ in order to make a name for themselves. Unity is impossible to maintain when the only person we think about is ourselves. It's impossible when all we think about is ourselves. This This lack of unity wasn't simply seen in regards to preaching was a bigger problem. Why Paul exhorted them to count others more significant than themselves. Paul was saying stop placing your interests first. Think about it like this. I need to send a letter to Texas and I needed to get there and I needed to be hand-delivered. And I just walked over to you and put my hand on Miles and I said, Miles, I need you to take this letter but it's got to be there by Wednesday. I wonder how Miles will respond. I said, Ralph, it's a letter. I need you to take it. I need you to take it to Texas and it needs to be there by Wednesday. If we're honest, the first thing we do is consider how this would affect us. Trust me, I get it. After all, it's unreasonable to think that

someone would just drop what they're doing in order to deliver a letter. After all, we have our lives to attend to our personal interests, which in most cases are legitimate interests. The issue isn't considering one's interest. The interest is why are you considering your interest because you're planning to go? See there's a difference one considers it because going is not an option So I need to think about how I'm going to go on what I need to move The other is thinking I don't think I can move anything. So I don't think I can go see the difference I want you to think about this for a minute because we all have different things that we have to attend to we all have Responsibilities the problem for some is they're only thinking about the things that they're interested in or the things that interest them Paul sought the man whose care and concern is the interest of his Lord Let me just say we can all be a bit preoccupied with the things that have no eternal value and then justify it And I hear those conversations all the time. I Don't say anything. I just listen to them You're wondering what I'm thinking all you have to do is ask me. Just be prepared for my response. It would be in love. I think sometimes we need to just take a step back. We all have responsibilities and interests, but they don't supersede God's, no matter what they are. Let me say it again. No matter what they are. Pastor Will, that doesn't make sense. I didn't write it, nor did I say it. He said count others interests greater than yourselves Jesus counted our interests greater than anyone's because he went to the cross and he died So we think about where we are on what we have to do Reminds me of the two sisters Martha and Mary Luke 10 38 now as they went on their way Jesus entered a village and a woman named Martha welcomed her her him into her house And she had a sister called Mary who said at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. Martha was distracted with much serving, and she went up to him and said, Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to come and help me. But the Lord answered her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." When Christ's interests become your interests you'll be amazed at how much of your time becomes devoted to the work of the Lord you see when people are trying to figure out how to slow me down you're just you're just doing too much you're in too many different places give too many different things going on when you get up in the morning do you stay home well well no what do you do? I go to work because pastors don't have jobs, we know that. I go to work. How often are you there? Well, 40 hours a week. Oh, it's holiday season. Some of you got mandatory overtime. 50 hours, 60 hours a week. Hmm, it's interesting. Well, what do you do when you get off of work? Well, there's other things that I'm involved in that I go get involved in, so another 10, 15, 20 hours. 50, 60, 70, 80, it kind of sounds like you're as tied up as I am. So why is it that I'm supposed to stop, but you can keep going? See, when your interest become Christ's interest, all you do is exchange that time that you spend on yourself for him. That's all it is. So I'm not spending any more time than you're spending. I'm not doing anything more. So while you're trying to slow me down so I can go on vacation, beloved, every time I preach the gospel I'm on vacation because I'm in heaven. And that's why I'm trying to get to. And so the reality is is that some of us need to speed up by taking some other things out of our lives so that we can actually get acclimated to doing the things that the Lord would have us do. That is, we are concerned with His interest and not our own. And I'm talking about legitimate interest. Because even when we're at work, we're looking for different ways to excel, to move up, to do this, to do that. When do we put Christ's interest first? When do we begin to say that He is the most important thing? When do we begin to take the world's interest and put them to the side and say it's all about Him? Beloved, it's the pursuit of our own interest above the Lord's which hinders our care and our availability in service to the Father's will. The reason why I don't ask a lot of people up for help is because simply they're not going to do what I know I would do. They're going to give me a reason why they can't do it. Why the job? So do I. Why I have to pay bills? Last time I checked, money doesn't rain from heaven for me. It's not like manna. God's not just raining down money I collected on the day and I can pay my bills. I have to pay bills like everybody else, eat like everybody else, be with children and family just like everybody else. I do the same thing that everyone else seems to do. So I'm confused. At what point do we stop and start to put his interest first? That's what's hindering the church. And so it's like, can I call you at 2 o'clock in the morning to go be with that person? But hold it. Yeah, I'll go, but all day. All day. Someone came to me because I know the praise team is going to be playing this Tuesday at

somewhere. I asked them if they could do me a favor and go play somewhere this Tuesday evening, or this Thursday evening rather. And as I was talking to Alicia, she said, well, the problem we have is that our drummer won't get off of work until six o'clock, but the other drummer doesn't get off of work until six o'clock. And I said, are you talking about Jordan? And she said, yeah, I said, schedule it anyway. And she said, why? Because I know he'll take off. He won't think twice about it. He'll just do it. So much so that his wife didn't know. I was talking to her. She said, yeah, next thing I know, Jordan told me. I said, Jordan has to work this. She said, Jordan already said, okay. Because his interests are aligned with Christ. And so I didn't have to ask him. I knew it. And that's why you'll see him up here preaching. That's why you see him sometimes teaching because I know where his interest lies, but that's not everybody again Hold on so that no one gets offended. So you're saying this is not about whether you're a Christian This is not whether or not you love God. This is not whether or not you show love I'm sure everyone in this building does remember I said Paul said like me I'm saying like me. I'm using myself as an example this morning not that I have arrived, but I know how I feel about this body. And anybody who's in here who knows me knows how I feel about this body. So I'm saying, like me. Here's the sad part. There should be more. That's the sad part. See, I'm not trying to isolate. I'm actually trying to open it up. Because I'm quite sure Paul wished he could have sent anybody, because they were all like him. But he couldn't. Nonetheless, we so accept it today. Well, you know what? Jordan will go do it. Can I get another Jordan? Can somebody say, Pastor Wood wouldn't come and ask me to deliver a letter if it wasn't important. So what are you gonna do? Well, I'm just gonna call out of work. So you're just gonna call out of work and just not go? How many of you called out of work because you wanted to go to a game? Because you wanted to go to visit somebody, because you just didn't feel like going to work. You know we save those sick days for when we're actually well, and we go to work when we're sick, because we want to make sure we have the sick days to go to do the things we want to do. Come on, I know I'm telling the truth. And so it's amazing how we do that, right? But if all of a sudden someone said, can you go take a letter, all of a sudden I only have so much time. I only have so much time to do this, I only have so much time to do that. Okay, but if I said go with me to Hawaii for a week, all expensive paid. How quick will it take you to call your job? Well, listen, I don't have enough vacation time, but I'm going to be sick for a couple days. I don't want to lie to him. No, I don't feel well. We know how we are. So I need you to grasp what I'm saying. the interest of Christ. I literally mean placing it first. Dietrich Bonhoeffer speaking to our natural tendency even as believers towards selfishness said this, we must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions. We may pass them by preoccupied with our more important tasks. It is a strange fact that Christians frequently consider their work so important and urgent that they will allow nothing to disturb them. But it is part of the discipline of humility that we must not spare our hand where it can be performed, where we can perform a service, and that we do not assume our schedule is our own to manage, but allow it to be rearranged by God. Think about this. Timothy was a man who placed the interest of the Lord first. He had no other life save the life that he had in Christ. No other life. Beloved, if we look less to our own interests, we'd find they change. And the legitimate ones that remain, we'd find our Lord caring for them as we in turn care for Him. Please think about what I'm saying this morning. Let's not just move it off to something else. It's important that we grasp this. Now before Paul moves on to a second example, he says in verse 23, I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me. And I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. Love it. We don't know what Paul meant when he said, I'll send him as soon as I know how things will go with me. The obvious conclusion is he meant I'm waiting to see how things will go with my imprisonment before I send him. But the truth of the matter is we don't know what he meant. What we do know is his trust, regardless of his circumstances, was that the Lord would bring him to them. Once again, we see Paul living in a hope that never disappoints. Now, let's take another look, a quick look, at the other companion, a man by the name of Epaphroditus in Philippians chapter number 2, verse number 25. And this is what he says. says, I 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. I want you to think about this for a second. Think about what he wants us to



grasp. We've already looked at Timothy. Paul brings somebody else before us, and I think it's quite interesting. We don't know much about Epaphroditus. However, his name is derived from the Greek goddess Aphrodite, making him most likely a Gentile convert. Apart from that, not much is known about him except Paul's amazing description. Now, we do know he wasn't an apostle or an elder, but instead a messenger for the gospel. But Paul described himself and Timothy as servants of God, and there is no match for the humility of Jesus. However, when we look at Paul and Timothy, there's something about Epaphroditus' humility that leaps off the page. See, we know Paul was commissioned by Jesus, and Timothy was called to walk side by side with Paul as the Spirit gifted him to become a prominent leader in the church at Ephesus. However, when it comes to Epaphroditus, it's clear he was simply the church's messenger. Just think about that for a minute. Although Paul and Timothy were men just like us, there is something about Epaphroditus that should resonate with us all. task man sent by the Philippian Church to care for Paul's needs. Think about this. Sent by the Philippian Church to care for Paul's needs. He was anything but common. He was anything but common. Listen again as Paul describes him in an ascending order. I thought it necessary to send to you a paphroditus. My brother, here we have a common sympathy. Fellow worker, here we have a common work. Fellow soldier, sharing in common danger toil and suffering and as a messenger sent to minister to Paul's needs beloved his love for a paphrodite is was deep remember his great affection for the church in Philippi to which a paphrodite is belong this is why he called him brother, which means born from the same womb. Epaphroditus was a beloved brother to Paul and the Philippians, and like a brother, he was loving, faithful, and trustworthy. You should think about this man because he's different than Timothy. It's so easy for us to get caught up in Paul. It's so easy for us to get caught up in Timothy, but we don't read much about Epaphroditus. We don't hear much about this man. Yet Paul brings him into this description because he wants us to see something. He's a common man just like you and I. He's a man who didn't write a gospel. He's a man to whom no letter was written to. He's not an apostle. He's not a church leader. But yet Paul is speaking about him in a manner that's worthy of honor and recognition. He says he's my brother. We're born of the same womb. He is my fellow worker We have the common work and an interest in mind. He is my fellow soldier He's in the same danger. I'm in and he is a messenger sent to minister to my needs I Submit to you that he is more than a messenger He was a messenger for the Lord there wasn't anything he wouldn't do, there wasn't anywhere he wouldn't go, and nothing he wouldn't face for the sake of the gospel and his brothers and sisters in Christ. To truly grasp Epaphroditus' heart, let's walk through these scriptures real quick. Verse 25, I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my needs. Paul's saying it's necessary. It's of the utmost of importance for me to send him and here's why. For he was he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. I had to sit back and read this a couple different times. Think about this for a minute. Paul wanted to send Epaphroditus back not because he was lonely, not because he was struggling with the fact that they were sorrowful over the fact that he had taken ill If papyrus didn't desire to go home because of how he felt he wanted to go home because of how they felt I Want you to really think about that for just a minute because it's so opposite of how we can be today He found himself in a situation Paul said I want to send them back He was struggling with the fact that they were sorrowful over the fact that he was sick He wanted to go back so that they would know how he was doing I don't know about you But it's not often I encounter people find themselves distressed because the trouble that they are experiencing is making someone else sorrowful Can we just be honest when we are going through something? We have a tendency to become upset if people aren't concerned with what we're going through you don't have to say amen I'll say it for you amen when we're going through something we have a tendency to get upset if we think people aren't concerned with what we're going to but get this he was sick to the point of death I got a mic I might start preaching like a black preacher watch out well that no just I want you to think about it for a second. All right Because I want you to consider he was sick to the point of death and yet here being in this place He wasn't concerned what was going on with him That's how we get when enough people don't do something or show up or pray or do something We start to get frustrated, but he wasn't looking at him He was looking at how his illness was affecting them. And

this is where a pap for diet as well This is an unusual man. This is a humility This is a care and concern for others above anything that we normally experience this side of heaven He took ill and it broke his heart that they were troubled by his suffering This is a man who didn't look to his own interest, but the interest of others He wanted to go back to eliminate their pain because it was causing him pain He was so far from being me centric. It was about his brothers in the Lord It was about them Listen Chad text me on I think was Thursday Tell me how old I was and I'm just joking He texted me on Thursday because my back wasn't doing good and his back wasn't doing good. Then my back wasn't doing good, then his back wasn't doing good. So we just started trading pictures of old men walking with walkers and we just figured this is just where we at, okay. And so it's like he's checking to see how am I doing and I'm like well how are you doing and so here's this concern right. I'm concerned with how he's doing, he's concerned with how I'm doing. Both of us are in pain, neither one of us are doing well but we're trying to make sure the other person's okay. Beloved, this is what we need to be as a church body We can't get so caught up in what's going on with us In some instances It's like well, how is what's going on with me really affecting you guys? I know you guys are really concerned about what's going on, but i'm okay. How are you doing? So often I have this blessed and I do mean blessed blessed privilege to be able to walk the campus, a couple of different campuses at the Phoenix Rescue Mission. And people always ask me, why do I love being there? You know what's amazing? In spite of what they may be going through, they're more concerned about what I'm going through than what they're going through. And I don't mean just with lip service. I mean, I can one day walk on the campus and walk home with a card that's got 50 signatures on it, with notes to say, Pastor Will, how are you doing? And I have every last one of them. So when my wife say I ain't loved, I pull them out. I'm talking to the men, they say, are you doing okay? So wait a minute, hold on. You're in a place in your life where you're trying to work some things out. Yeah, yeah, yeah. But are you okay? Are you doing all right? This isn't sometimes. It's every time. It's every time. But I can walk in the house of the Lord, and it can be exactly the opposite.

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And people want to know why I like walking the campus.

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Beloved, the church isn't a building. There are just as many believers on that campus as there is in this building. You know the believer by how they live and by how they love, not by where they're at. And sometimes we just focus on where they're at. And so we need to get to a place where we start asking ourselves the question, am I the believer? Not because you're sitting in here on Sunday morning, but because how you loved on Saturday night, or what you loved on Saturday night. See, this is the picture. And this is where Paul is trying to get us to understand that this man, Epaphroditus, was a very interesting man. Interesting in the fact that there almost was no one like him. Beloved, while some of the Philippian Church members are struggling to get along, it's clear the majority of them had hearts that were patterned after their father because they were concerned about him. Remember 1st Corinthians 12 26, if one member suffers all suffer together, if one member is honored all rejoice together. Beloved, do we have this depth of love? Do we hurt for our brother and sister in the Lord who are enduring pain and suffering to the point that we're distressed because of it? Or do we just go on vacation? Listen, if we're gonna talk about it, let's talk about it. One theologian writes, Epaphroditus had evidently studied in the school of Christ. He had set at the master's feet and drunk deeply into his spirit. In no other way could he have learned such holy lessons of self surrender and thoughtful love for others. The world knows nothing of such things. Nature cannot teach such lessons. They are altogether heavenly, spiritual, divine. Would that we knew more of them. The world does not have this heart, but we're not of this world. Can you imagine a church where believers don't simply show a passing concern for the pain of other believers, but actually find themselves distressed as if they were experiencing the pain and suffering themselves. I

Love this quote a man who thinks much of himself saves others the trouble of thinking about him a man who thinks much of himself saves others the trouble of thinking about him a Paphrodite is was distressed for the Philippians and Paul's heart was heavy for his beloved brothers who became brother who became ill caring for his knees Isn't this crazy? He felt bad for him. He felt bad for them who felt bad for him. But then Paul felt bad for him because he felt bad for, I don't know how it works, but it works all the way. Everybody's feeling bad about somebody else, but nobody's feeling bad for themselves. But isn't that interesting? That's how it should work because it comes full circle. There's this care and concern that has to be present. This is the type of heart we're called to have. However, what we find sometimes is believers are more distressed over various ministries or lack thereof in the church than relationships. We get more bent out of shape over a relationship, I mean over a ministry, than we do relationships. Epaphroditus almost died, yet he didn't think about himself. Here's another thing I found interesting. We don't read him getting mad at God. I often hear people say as a result of their pain and suffering they're enduring, I want to trust God, but I'm angry a Paphrodite a prophet I tissue mility didn't go unnoticed by the Lord Romans 9 15 for he says the most is I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and I have compassion on whom I have compassion All the paphrodite is did was consider how his illness brought sorrow to his church family how it affected them and as the Lord wills And as he can and as he sometimes does this side of heaven He honors us Philippians 2 27 indeed 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 I am the more eager to send him therefore that you may rejoice at seeing him again and that I may be less anxious the illness Almost took him to the point of death, but the Lord mercifully stepped in. John 12, 26, if anyone serves me, he must follow me and where I am there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the father will honor him. But the father always honors those who honor him. And I love how Paul said, God didn't just have mercy on me Because of his deep concern for him Paul loved him so much that the father's mercy was mercy upon him Oh that we could love that deeply that when the mercy is shown to somebody else. It's like we're experiencing it said I'm almost done This is why Paul was so eager to send him He wanted their sorrow to turn to joy and he knew this would bring about rejoicing in his heart This is the oneness paul desired them to maintain It's this affection we're empowered through the holy spirit to have for one another When was the last time you rejoiced or wept over a fellow brother or sister in the lord? Listen as luke records paul's last moments with these same elders from ephesus acts 20 36 And when he had said these things he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all. They embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship. Although at Prophet Didus, Paul and the Philippian church experienced sorrow, there was no grumbling or disputing on their part. They graciously accepted the providential will of God as they continued in service to his good and perfect will love it men and women like this in the Lord aren't as common Again as they should be and so Paul closes So receive him in the Lord with all joy and honor such men for he nearly died for the work of Christ Risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me Paul desired a path for Titus to receive a hero's welcome He almost died He was risking his life in order to come to him or in service to the Lord Think about that You ever find yourself in a position where you feel like you almost died because you're serving Christ Remember we said a minute ago. He's just a task man He's just a messenger We'd call him an errand boy today. Yet with every message delivered, every offering he brought, his very presence and standing with and encouraging Paul, he put his life at risk. When we truly stand for Jesus, we don't have to be front and center to risk our lives. We just need to be task men, ready at a moment's notice to go and do whatever the Lord requires, no matter the circumstances. It's these men and women Paul exhorts us to honor. F.B. Meyer said this, I am content to be God's errand boy. So when D.O. Moody, he heard someone speaking, the world has yet to see what God can do with a life wholly yielded to him. D.O. Moody responded, I'm content to try and be that guy. Are we this morning content to be that person? Is it your desire to turn the Holy Spirit within you so as to work out your salvation in a manner that causes you to be wholly devoted to God no matter the cost Paul said a paphrodite is risked his life. That is an interesting word The word means to throw aside to Roll the dice to expose oneself to

danger The word means to gamble To take a chance. I want you to get the picture You see there was actually in the 3rd century a group called the gamblers. They use the same Greek word It was in honor of a paphrodite This group whenever a plague hit they would rush in to take care of the sick or bury the dead They were willing to risk, that is gamble, their health and lives to serve the gospel. Beloved, there are still like men, men like that today. Think about Jim Elliott, 1950s, the missionary who was killed by a tribe he sought to bring the gospel to in Ecuador. If we're honest, many of us are afraid to take risks in sharing the gospel with strangers, let alone other countries. Just think about this for just a second. Yesterday, my wife and I, we went to this event. I knew I was going all week, and I didn't tell her until that morning, and she came with me, and it was over in Phoenix. And so we went, and we were spending some time with some other members from a different church, and they were doing some different things in the community. And so, when we were coming back, we were coming through downtown Phoenix. And downtown Phoenix, it's interesting, becoming a mini-New York, if you would, where you have everything just blended in there together. I've been here about 50 years, and so you go back 30, 40 years, and no one went to downtown Phoenix. And so now you have everything down there. And so, we're driving through and I said hey you want to go eat breakfast. It's about 11 o'clock, and I was like yeah This is place Called snooze they got a location out here in central Phoenix. Let's go check it out So we're driving and I'm coming up Van Buren and I get to about Second Avenue and Van Buren and I'm sitting there at a light waiting to turn And there's a homeless man Who's on the ground? In his wheelchair It's like arm's length. And so I'm waiting for the light to turn, and my wife's just looking at him. And she said, I don't think he can reach his wheelchair. And I look over at him, and I said, no, he's fine. I drive back and forth down through here all the time. I'm still waiting for the light to change, and it's not turning. And so my wife says again, I don't think he can reach his wheelchair And so I look at her again, and I look over at the guy, and I look back at the light, and I said he's fine And the lights still red So finally she's just looking she's not even talking to me anymore So then I stick my head on the other side of her head, and I look and he grabs a pizza box And he's trying to get the wheel of the wheelchair to bring it closer. And I knew she was right. And so she said, the light's still red. Why don't you just let me jump out and go help him? My first thought was, OK. No, I'm just joking. And so I sat there and I said, no, I'll help him. And so I pulled down the street and I just parked my car in the middle of the street. Sure enough, he was trying to get his wheelchair, but he couldn't. And I go and I hold the wheelchair and he struggles to get in it. And he's struggling and it takes a couple of minutes. And eventually he gets in it and eventually I turn it around and wheel it to where it's facing where he can go across the street. He turns and he looks at me. I said, what's your name? He said, my name's David. I said, can I pray with you, David? So I started praying with him. And when I finished, he looks at me and he puts his hand up, fist bump.

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For many of you guys who know me,

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especially here recently, I've avoided at all costs anything that will remotely get me sick, mostly because of what's going on with my granddaughter. And so his hand went up and I thought about it. And all I kept thinking was, are you a gambler? Are you a gambler? Are you a paphroditus? He was a gambler. Sure, you're taking a risk, but you're not if I'm in control. And even if it affects you, I'm still in control. So I reach my hand out, bump, get in the car, and my wife turns to me. She said that was so nice. Yeah, you wouldn't went out there doing anything And so we begin to we begin to we begin to drive and she said how many times you know You sanitize it and I said I turned and I looked at her and I said, you know, it's funny. I Said I would have gotten out. I said I drive through here and sometimes you can become just used to it. You just see it and you just keep right on going. And yet you kept looking at him and you wouldn't stop until you could convince me that he couldn't get in that wheelchair. Oh, that you could care for me that way. Anyway, that's over for another day. And so,

long story short, as we were driving, I said, there's a part of the sermon in the end, I said, where I talk about Epaphroditus and what that word, risking life, means in the Greek. And she said, what does it mean? I said, it means to gamble, to roll the dice. I said, and the whole time you kept saying that, it just kept playing back in my head. It's amazing how God puts you in those positions right in that moment to say, will you roll the dice? Will you trust me? If you're going to preach it, will you live it? And so I'm thankful because this isn't because I'm some great guy. I have thoughts in my mind, different things I was thinking, different concerns I had in my head. But one thing I can tell you beyond a shadow of a doubt is I wasn't just going to leave him there. So I think we all need to remember Matthew 16 24, then Jesus told his disciples, if anyone would come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me for whoever would save his life will lose it whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Jim Elliot died, he penned these words, he is no fool to give up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. He is no fool to give up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. Beloved, we gamble with so many things all the time. We can remain so cautious when it comes, but yet we remain so cautious when it comes to trusting the Lord. We struggle with catching a cold for Christ, let alone risking our lives. So where do you stand this morning? Paul gave us two ordinary men. Timothy was wholly devoted to the Lord. Paprodilus was willing to and did constantly risk everything. He rolled the dice time and again as he served Paul the gospel and the Philippian Church Are we wholly devoted to the Lord removing all distractions? Are we willing to gamble our lives for Jesus's sake? Beloved they didn't live this way because they had to it was a result of working out their salvation So again, where do you stand? Will you hear my words this morning and think man just another sermon that convicts me I'm not interested in convicting you because that's not my job The Holy Spirit brings about the conviction What I am interested in is your service and response to the Holy Spirit's conviction because then it just works hand-in-hand with me Or will you leave? Like the disciples did or those who were said to be disciples of Jesus in John 6 53 When Jesus says unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. To which they grumbled and responded. This is a hard saying. Who can listen to it? And in verse 66, they all turned back and no longer walk with Him. Will you listen to what I said this morning and think that's all well and good, but you know, I'm going to take care of things. I mean, you can't say I don't love God because I'm not willing to make His interest priority over my my own yes I can I'm only quoting the scripture one day beloved you're all gonna get to change a chance to take it up with somebody you're gonna get chance to take it up with God they say do you remember on December 17th when an overly attractive black man was joking. And he began to talk about placing my interest first and you kept thinking, okay, well, it doesn't have to be everything. The mere fact that you responded that way in your mind knew you know I meant everything. So the question is, where will you be? You're Allah, I'm not a bomb bug Come on Tuesday night some nice carols. It'll be going on inside here Rejoin some time in the Lord I'm not contrary to Christmas. I'm contrary to hypocrisy If he is who you are worshiping him if he is who you are worshiping then show it Genuinely Place his interest before your own if you want to know who's struggling call me because I can point you there If you want to know who needs a hand call me hold it. It's not always money Sometimes people just want somebody to talk to Can you place your interest because they might want to talk to you the same time you're having that Christmas Eve dinner? You know the one you have every year for the last 30 years, but you can't miss one year Listen I pray you're hearing me can't miss one year? Listen, I pray you're hearing me. Because I said earlier in the sermon, we're all willing to jump in and help, provided it doesn't affect my interest. I'm calling right up in your interest this morning.

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Not me. The Word of God is.

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And so are you willing to live like Timothy? Can someone say of you, I have no one like him. He's

going to be concerned for your welfare just like me. Or Paphroditus, can you just go and do this and you say absolutely. Well it might cost you something. Listen, if you need it done, I'll do it. If it costs me my job, it costs me my job. God will give me another one. Well that's irresponsible. Isn't it amazing how responsible we get when it comes to doing something for the Lord? Beloved, I'm asking you to hear the Holy Spirit on the inside of you. Every year I say the same thing. People are more open to you to talk about Jesus right now than ever before, even if they're disagreeing with you. Can I tell you something? Trust the Holy Spirit to speak. And make sure when you speak, it says the oracles of God. Let the word of God speak and not your emotions. Let the word of God speak and not your feelings, and speak, and keep speaking, and keep speaking until the day the Lord calls you home. Beloved, that's Timothy, that's Epaphroditus, and I am concerned of greater things concerning you as the writer of Hebrews says, because I believe it's also you. So I know I took a little bit long this morning with this message, but it's been all week just rustling with it and going back and forth inside my mind because I just thought that at this point at this juncture will take a break for the next two weeks from Philippians and we'll come back to it the beginning of January and So on Christmas Eve and on New Year's Christmas Eve Sunday and New Year's Eve Sunday We will be in the word, but we won't be in Philippians. And I'm sure the Lord will have a word for us in due season. But for right now, I pray that you head into the season with the words of the Apostle Paul, with the illustration of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and with a mind to place His interest above your own. Stand with me. this morning I'm saying completely out of love. And so if you need something from me, call me. If you just want to hang out and just chat, call me. If you're unsure about who this Christ is, call me. If you're just looking out, just, I just want to hang out and I just want to talk and I don't know how long it'll be, call Chad.

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And so I want you guys to think about this.

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There's plenty men and women in this local body who will drop what they're doing and come to your aid and show the same concern that you would get from me. All you have to do is call them. All you have to do is try them. And you'll find, and you'll see, and you'll taste that the Lord is good. Father, we thank you for this local body. We thank you for the men and women in this body. But most importantly, we thank you for you. There's nothing that we could do that you don't empower. We are who we are because of who you are. And so, Lord, we ask you to continue to mature your love in us. We don't get caught up in a time or a season, but that we get caught up in the king of king and the Lord of Lords That we're willing to stop our car in a moment's notice that we're sometimes even in our fear To take that step to help that man to help that woman Lord you're there We must be like a Timothy where you can count on us and we must be like an Epaphroditus Well, we're willing to risk our lives even to the point of death because you call upon us if we suffer with you, we will reign with you That's the scripture And so Lord, let us not be afraid and let us trust Florida a lot of traveling will take place over the next few weeks and we pray you care very one safely to their destinations Carry us through the rest of this day. Thank you for your word. Thank you for your mercy above all. Thank you for your son We come to you as a body in the name of the Lord, the Lord Jesus, the Christ. We lift up our voices and we pray. Hallelujah. We praise you in Jesus name. Amen. Hug somebody before you leave here..

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