



## **A Scandalous Joy: Sharing Life | Philippians 2:19-30**

### **Philippians 2:19-30**

<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. <sup>20</sup> For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. <sup>23</sup> I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, <sup>24</sup> and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

<sup>25</sup> 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, <sup>26</sup> for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. <sup>29</sup> So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, <sup>30</sup> for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

### **Sharing Love**

#### **Philippians 2:20**

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#### **Philippians 2:25**

<sup>25</sup> I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother...

### **Sharing Time**

#### **Philippians 2:22**

<sup>22</sup> But you know Timothy's proven worth...

### **Sharing Mission**

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<sup>22</sup> But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

### **Philippians 2:25**

...Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need,

“We picture lovers face to face but Friends side by side; their eyes look ahead. That is why...people who simply “want friends” can never make any. The very condition of having Friends is that we should want something else besides Friends...those who are going nowhere can have no fellow-travellers.”—C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

## **Sharing Encouragement**

### **Philippians 2:29-30**

...honor such men, <sup>30</sup> for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

## **Sharing Friends**

### **Philippians 2:20**

<sup>20</sup> For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.

“In each of my friends there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out. By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show all his facets. Now that Charles is dead, I shall never again see Ronald's reaction to a specifically Caroline joke. Far from having more of Ronald, having him “to myself” now that Charles is away, I have less of Ronald. Hence true friendship is the least jealous of loves. Two friends delight to be joined a third, and three by a fourth...” -C.S. Lewis

## **Sharing Grace**

### **Philippians 2:29**

<sup>29</sup> So receive him in the Lord with all joy,

### **John 15:15**

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.