

Philippians

Chapter 2:19-30

- I. **Philippians 2:19** ¹⁹But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.
- a. Trust
 - i. **Trust- Greek word** *elpízō*- Strongs Con. from G1680; to expect or confide:—(have, thing) hope(-d) (for), trust.
 - ii. Trust in the Lord compare to vs 23
 - b. The “why” for Timothy
 - i. Soon...urgently
 - c. Comfort
 - i. It was going to give Paul good comfort if Timothy were with the Philippians.
 - d. Know your state
 - i. **State- Greek word** *peri*- Strongs Con. from G4008; properly, through (all over), i.e. around; figuratively with respect to; used in various applications, of place, cause or time (with the genitive case denoting the subject or occasion or superlative point; with the accusative case the locality, circuit, matter, circumstance or general period):—(there-)about, above, against, at, on behalf of, and his company, which concern, (as) concerning, for, how it will go with, ((there-, where-)) of, on, over, pertaining (to), for sake, (e-)state, (as) touching, (where-)by (in), with. In comparative, it retains substantially the same meaning of circuit (around), excess (beyond), or completeness (through).
 - ii. Gives the idea of concerning, on account of

II. **Philippians 2:20-21** ²⁰For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. ²¹For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

a. **Sent- Timothy**

i. Likeminded

1. He told them to be likeminded. He is demonstrating that same attribute as an example
2. Unlike those preaching the gospel in chapter 1
3. **Philippians 2:2** ²Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

ii. Unique-

1. Timothy was living out the mind of Christ
 - a. **Philippians 2:5** ⁵Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
2. naturally care for your state
 - a. care..careful
 - b. **Philippians 4:6** ⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
 - c. naturally
 - i. sympathy...he wasn't sending a know it all. He was sending a man full of compassion.
 - d. Compared to vs 21 seek their own

b. All seek their own

- i. General, since he just referenced Timothy and will reference Ephaphroditus. He is referring to those presently in Rome.
 1. **Philippians 2:4** ⁴Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
 2. **Ephesians 5:29** ²⁹For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

3. Seek things above

- a. **Col. 3:1-3** ¹If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. ²Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. ³For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4. Israel seeking the Kingdom

- a. **Matthew 6:33** ³³But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

III. **Philippians 2:22** ²²But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

i. “know the proof”

- 1. **Acts 16:1-3** ¹Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father *was* a Greek: ²Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. ³Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.
- 2. **Acts 20:6** ⁶And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.
 - a. Epaphroditus may have communicated as well.

ii. Son

- 1. **I Timothy 1:2** ²Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. **I Timothy 1:18** ¹⁸This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;
3. **II Timothy 1:2** ²To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
4. **I Corinthians 4:17** ¹⁷For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

IV. **Philippians 2:23** ²³Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

- i. Lord Jesus to send in verse 19, now Paul sends verse 23
- b. How it will go with me
 - i. Prison
 - ii. **Philippians 1:13** ¹³So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*;
 - iii. **Philippians 1:20-21** ²⁰According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death. ²¹For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

V. **Philippians 2:24** ²⁴But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

- a. Trust #2- Paul will come shortly if the Lord wills it.
- b. Look at the words shortly in verse 19, presently in verse 23 and shortly again in verse 24
 - i. There was a point of punctuality. Was this because of a lack of a gift or a quarrel between Euodias and Syntyche?

1. **Philippians 4:2**²I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.
2. **Philippians 4:15-16** ¹⁵Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. ¹⁶For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

VI. **Philippians 2:25** ²⁵Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

a. Sent- Epaphroditus

i. To Paul

1. Brother instead of son

- a. Companion in labour instead of served with me in the gospel with Timothy

ii. To the Philippians

1. Your messenger- from Philippi

VII. **Philippians 2:26** ²⁶For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

a. The Heart of Epaphroditus

b. The Health of Epaphroditus

VIII. **Philippians 2:27**²⁷For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

a. The Healing of Epaphroditus

i. Why couldn't Paul heal him?

- ii. **Acts 14:8-10** ⁸And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: ⁹The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

iii. **I Corinthians 13:8-10** ⁸Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away. ⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1. passing away

iv. **II Timothy 4:20** ²⁰Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

1. Trophimus

v. **II Corinthians 12:7-10** ⁷And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. ⁸For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

b. The facts

- i. Epaphroditus was sick nigh unto death
- ii. God showed mercy on him
- iii. Epaphroditus didn't die
- iv. God showed mercy on Paul also

1. That Paul wouldn't have sorrow upon sorrow

c. Some other examples of God's involvement worth looking at

- i. **Acts 26:22** ²²Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

- ii. **Philippians 1:19** ¹⁹For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
 - iii. **II Thessalonians 3:1-2** ¹Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you: ²And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.
 - iv. **I Thessalonians 5:25** ²⁵Brethren, pray for us.
 - v. **II Timothy 4:17-18** ¹⁷Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.
 - vi. **Philemon 1:22** ²²But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.
- IX. **Philippians 2:28** ²⁸I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.
- a. Sent- carefully
 - i. Due to being sick
 - b. Again “sorrow” with Paul
- X. **Philippians 2:29-30** ²⁹Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: ³⁰Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.
- a. Work of Christ
 - i. Remember verse 25
 - 1. my brother
 - 2. companion in labour
 - 3. fellowsoldier,
 - b. Not regarding his life

i. Similar to Paul

1. **Philippians 1:21** ²¹For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

c. Supplying lack of service

i. Financially

1. **Philippians 4:15-16** ¹⁴Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. ¹⁵Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. ¹⁶For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.