

PART TWO

Philippians 2:19-30 // October 2



JOY IN ALL SEASONS

A SERMON SERIES IN PHILIPPIANS

Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



Reflect/Connect

- Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

Grow in the Word

- These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What qualities or characteristics do you admire most in a person?
- What type of person does our society typically celebrate or hold in high regard?

GROW IN THE WORD

Paul described plans to send Timothy to the Philippians and explained why he'd send Timothy in particular: because of his selfless concern and proven character. Paul added his own travel intentions (v. 19-24).

- How would you describe Timothy according to these verses? Put Paul's description in your own words.
- What are the concerns of Jesus? See Philippians 1:8, 10-11, 6
- How does this passage fit in with some of the major themes in the book of Philippians so far? See Philippians 1:12,18, 27; 2:3-4, 15.

Paul sent Epaphroditus back with this letter to the Philippians because he longed so eagerly to return to them. As Paul explained this, he recounted the many reasons why Epaphroditus was to be received with great honor (v. 25-30).

- What qualities make Epaphroditus worthy of high regard, and which stand out most to you?
- How would you describe the relationship between Paul, Epaphroditus, and the Philippians? Notice the emotional language used in these and preceding verses.

GROW IN THE WORD

- How can you cultivate relationships with other believers such as this?

Though he wanted to personally visit and minister to the Philippians, Paul was unsure whether or not he would be released from prison to do so. In his absence and out of love for them, Paul sent Timothy and Epaphroditus.

- What do you learn about the type of person God holds in high regard?

- In what ways do you want to be more like Timothy or Epaphroditus?

SERIES RESOURCES

OVERVIEW: PHILIPPIANS

An animated video by the Bible Project provides a thorough overview of the book of Philippians. The video offers a great summary of the book while emphasizing that every Christian's story can be an expression of Jesus' ultimate story.

- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/philippians/>

INTRODUCTION TO PHILIPPIANS

A fundamental introduction to the book of Philippians from the ESV Study Bible. Get a quick synopsis of the book's background to help you gain a better understanding of the book of Philippians as a whole.

- <https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-philippians/>

PHILIPPIANS: A COMMENTARY BY THE GOSPEL COALITION

A free, downloadable commentary of the entire book of Philippians. This commentary offers background material and a section-by-section commentary of the entire book.

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/philippians/>

BE JOYFUL: EVEN WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, YOU CAN HAVE JOY BY WARREN WIERSBE

A timeless resource by one of this generation's most trusted teachers, Be Joyful gives readers invaluable insights into the history, meaning, and context of Philippians. This new version includes study questions at the end of each chapter to aid readers in reflection and application.

- https://www.amazon.com/Be-Joyful-Philippians-Things-Commentary-ebook/dp/B005MT7WSC/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-19

LIFE LESSONS FROM PHILIPPIANS: GUIDE TO JOY BY MAX LUCADO

A guide through the book of Philippians by pastor and author Max Lucado that offers its readers thoughtful questions, encouraging stories, and reflections to dig deeper into God's Word. Lucado unpacks Paul's letter to the young church emphasizing Paul's focus on living a life full of joy, peace, and contentment even in the midst of trouble.

- https://www.amazon.com/Life-Lessons-Philippians-Max-Lucado-ebook/dp/B077Y2F619/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-18