



Sermon Questions

February 15th, 2026 | Scripture: Philippians 2:19-30 – Joyful Partnership

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of joyful partnership throughout the scriptures:

- Exodus 17:8-13
- Ruth 1:15-18
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Acts 16:1-5
- 1 Timothy 5:1-2
- 3 John 5-8

Core Questions

1. What do verses 22 & 25 reveal about the shared gospel mission that unites Paul, Timothy, and Epaphroditus. What phrases stick out?
2. Paul refers to Timothy as serving “as a son with a father.” What does this language reveal about the depth of relationship that we are called to in the church?
3. Paul says things such as “I trust in the Lord” (vs. 19, 24) and recognizes God’s mercy in Epaphroditus’s recovery in verse 27. What does this show about how Paul viewed his plans and his role in God’s work?
4. Why does Paul lift up these two men considering he already pointed to himself and Christ earlier in the passage? What does this teach us about the need for living examples in the church today?
5. Verse 29 calls us to “honor” such men and women of Godly character. Why is that important for shaping church culture and what does that look like practically?

Inward Grace in Action

1. How does the gospel free us to serve alongside one another in gospel humility instead of competing with one another for position or status in the church?

Outward Grace in Action

1. What would your family, friend group, or community group look like, sound like, and feel like if it began to celebrate the type of things Paul commends Timothy and Epaphroditus for?

Scripture Memory Challenge:

*During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize **Philippians 2:5-11**. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.*

Serve: As we grow in joyful partnership, one of our Mission Partners, Active Compassion to Saints (ACTS), is seeking more individuals to serve alongside them. Once a month they host a time of prayer and worship for nursing home residents in McLean. If you are interested in serving or learning more about this work, please reach out to Hap Arnold for more information: hapnanna@gmail.com

Look Ahead: Next week we will continue in our sermon series (Resilient Joy) on the book of Philippians. The scripture passage will be Philippians 3:1-11 where we will see how the Apostle Paul shows us how to live with joyful confidence.

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children about the Olympics. Do the athletes look like they have more fun in solo or team sport events? Why is that?
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Explain that in this passage Paul talks about Timothy and Epaphroditus as his teammates in sharing the good news about Jesus. God gives each of us an important role to play in the church. He knows that serving, loving, and helping one another increases the joy and fun of doing what he calls us to do!
3. **K – Keep it going:** Take time to identify a few families and individuals you would desire to get closer with in the church. Think of ways to grow closer with those people and pray that the Lord would give you opportunities to engage in gospel partnership in the year ahead!