

Team Paul
Philippians 2:19-30
October 22, 2023

Timothy	2:19-24
• Timothy Sent	19
○ Paul will be encouraged	
• Timothy Commended	20-22
○ Paul's right-hand man – No one like him = same souled!	
○ Genuine concern/ interest (compare w/ 2:4)	
○ Like a son!	
• Timothy's Importance	
○ Paul did not want to part with Timothy	
▪ Yet, Paul often sent Timothy in his place!	
(Note: Paul wants to send Timothy, but not yet... see "soon" v. 19)	

Epaphroditus	2:25-30
• Epaphroditus Commended	25
○ Paul's Partner in ministry	
▪ My brother	
▪ Fellow-worker	
▪ Fellow-soldier	
○ Philippi's Best Resource – Epaphroditus!	
▪ Messenger – "Apostle" – sent on a mission (see 4:18)	
▪ Minister/ Servant – Care for Paul's needs	
• Reasons for Epaphroditus' Return	
○ Epaphroditus' Burden – Distressed for those in Philippi	
▪ Distressed = burden, heaviness (rock in backpack)	
○ Paul's Burden – Almost lost Epaphroditus	
○ Paul's Response: Time for him to go home!	
○ Philippi's Response: Welcome him home!	

Keys:

- Paul was a team player.

Application:

- Who is on your team?
- Are they encouraged?
- Are you thankful?