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Worship Service  
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## PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Sixteen • Philippians 2:25-30  
**Faithful Servants – Part 2**

### The Second Faithful Servant to Follow

Epaphroditus is an example of a “RISK-TAKER” for God.  
He shows us what it looks like to risk your life for Christ and the Gospel.

*For he [Epaphroditus] nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me. Philippians 2:30*

### Epaphroditus: An Example of a Risk-Taker for God

## 1. Epaphroditus Was a Dedicated SERVANT of the Lord!

*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. Philippians 2:25*

*I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. Philippians 4:18*

### **Epaphroditus’ Dedication**

- He was Paul’s BROTHER in the faith.
- He was a fellow WORKER with Paul.
- He was a fellow SOLDIER with Paul.
- He was a MESSENGER to Paul from the Philippians.
- He was a MINISTER to Paul’s needs.

## 2. Epaphroditus Was Sincerely CONCERNED for the Philippian Believers!

*For he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. 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. Philippians 2:26-27*

### **Epaphroditus’ Concern**

- He longed to ASSURE the Philippians that he was ok...
- ...because God had mercifully HEALED him from a deadly sickness.

## 3. Epaphroditus Was Worthy to be RECEIVED in the Lord with All Joy!

*I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men. For he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me. Philippians 2:28-30*

### **Epaphroditus’ Reward**

He exemplified a servant’s heart and endured a servant’s hardship; such servants of the Lord are to be HONORED.

### **Life Lesson from Epaphroditus, the Risk-Taker for God**

Risking your life for Christ is always WORTH it—you can’t lose with God.

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