

GOD'S WORD *for* you.

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Wawasee Bible
Milford, Indiana
Pastor Craig Clapper

PART 5

Epaphroditus The Risktaker

PHILIPPIANS 2:25-30

Epaphroditus (= honored or favored by Aphrodite) v. 25

My Brother

My Fellow Worker

My Fellow Soldier

Your Messenger

Your Minister see also Philippians 4:18

Christ's Risktaker v. 30

Takeaway

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13 (ESV)

Next Steps

- 1. Take the Epaphroditus Wager**
- 2. Commit to catch the Wind of the Holy Spirit and twirl for Jesus!**



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Grow.

Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card, or contact the church office! Most groups break for the summer, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!

Food for Thought...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

This week, take time to read through Philippians 2 each day.

Day 1 – Consider Epaphroditus: Take some time to review your notes from Pastor Craig's message, also re-read Philippians 2:25-30. What are some of your biggest takeaways from what Paul says about Epaphroditus? How can you emulate his selflessness in your own life and serve others without seeking recognition this week?

Day 2 – Consider Epaphroditus's Risktaking: Epaphroditus risked even his life to love God and others, to serve Jesus. What risks are you willing to take for the sake of the Gospel, and how can you trust God more fully in stepping out in faith? What's one risk you could take this week for Christ? — *Not foolishly, but dependantly.*

(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR OUTCOMES

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...



1 | Receiving From God.

Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?



2 | Responding To God.

How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?



3 | Receiving From Others.

Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?



4 | Moving Toward Others.

How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)



5 | Going to those Far from God.

How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Isaiah 43:1-4 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ But now **thus says** the **LORD**, he who **created** you, O **Jacob**, he who **formed** you, O **Israel**: "**Fear** not, for I have **redeemed** you; I have **called** you by **name**, you are mine. ²When you **pass** through the **waters**, I will be with you; and through the **rivers**, they shall not **overwhelm** you; when you **walk** through **fire** you shall not be **burned**, and the **flame** shall not **consume** you. ³For I am the **LORD** your God, the **Holy** One of **Israel**, your **Savior**. I **give Egypt** as your **ransom**, **Cush** and **Seba** in **exchange** for you. ⁴**Because** you are **precious** in my **eyes**, and **honored**, and I **love** you, I **give** men in return for you, peoples in **exchange** for your life.

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Food for Thought *(continued)*

Day 3 – Consider Epaphroditus's Struggles: When you think about both the struggles and recovery of Epaphroditus, how might it deepen your trust in God during your own difficult circumstances? Do you find encouragement from Epaphroditus's life to rely on Christ's strength and provision? List some of your own struggles, and how you might rely on God to be with you through them.

Day 4 – Who Could/Should You Honor? Paul encourages the church in Philippi to "receive [Epaphroditus] in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men..." (v. 29) Who could you show appreciation and honor to that has faithfully served Jesus? Who has influenced your life with the Gospel? Who are you encouraged or blessed by because of their sacrifices and contributions? — How will you encourage and honor them?



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