

Christians Are Risk Takers Philippians 2:25-30

1. What does Paul's description of Epaphroditus in verses 25-30 reveal about the qualities he values in a servant of Christ? What characteristics of Epaphroditus are highlighted, and why are these important in the context of Christian ministry?
2. How does Paul describe the bond between him, Epaphroditus, and the Philippians in this passage? What can we learn from the relationship between Paul, Epaphroditus, and the Philippians about Christian fellowship and mutual support?
3. In verses 27-28, Paul talks about the sorrow and joy of both the Philippians and Epaphroditus. How do these emotional responses reflect the deep care and commitment they had for one another? How might this mutual care challenge or inspire our own attitudes towards those in our Christian community?
4. What does the mention of Epaphroditus nearly dying (verses 27-30) teach us about sacrifice and the cost of discipleship in the early church?

How do we see his willingness to serve as an example of selflessness, and what might this mean for our own lives?

5. Why does Paul urge the Philippians to "honor such men" (v. 29)? What does it mean to honor those who serve faithfully, and how can we apply this principle in our own church or ministry settings today?