WEEK SIX

Example of Timothy & Epaphroditus

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30

Philippians 1:27a NIV

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 2:5 NIV

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:17 NIV

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

Philippians 2:19-21 NIV

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:22-24 NIV

But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

Paul has no one else like Timothy who shows genuine concern for others.

Philippians 2:25-27 NIV

But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

Philippians 2:28-30 NIV

Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

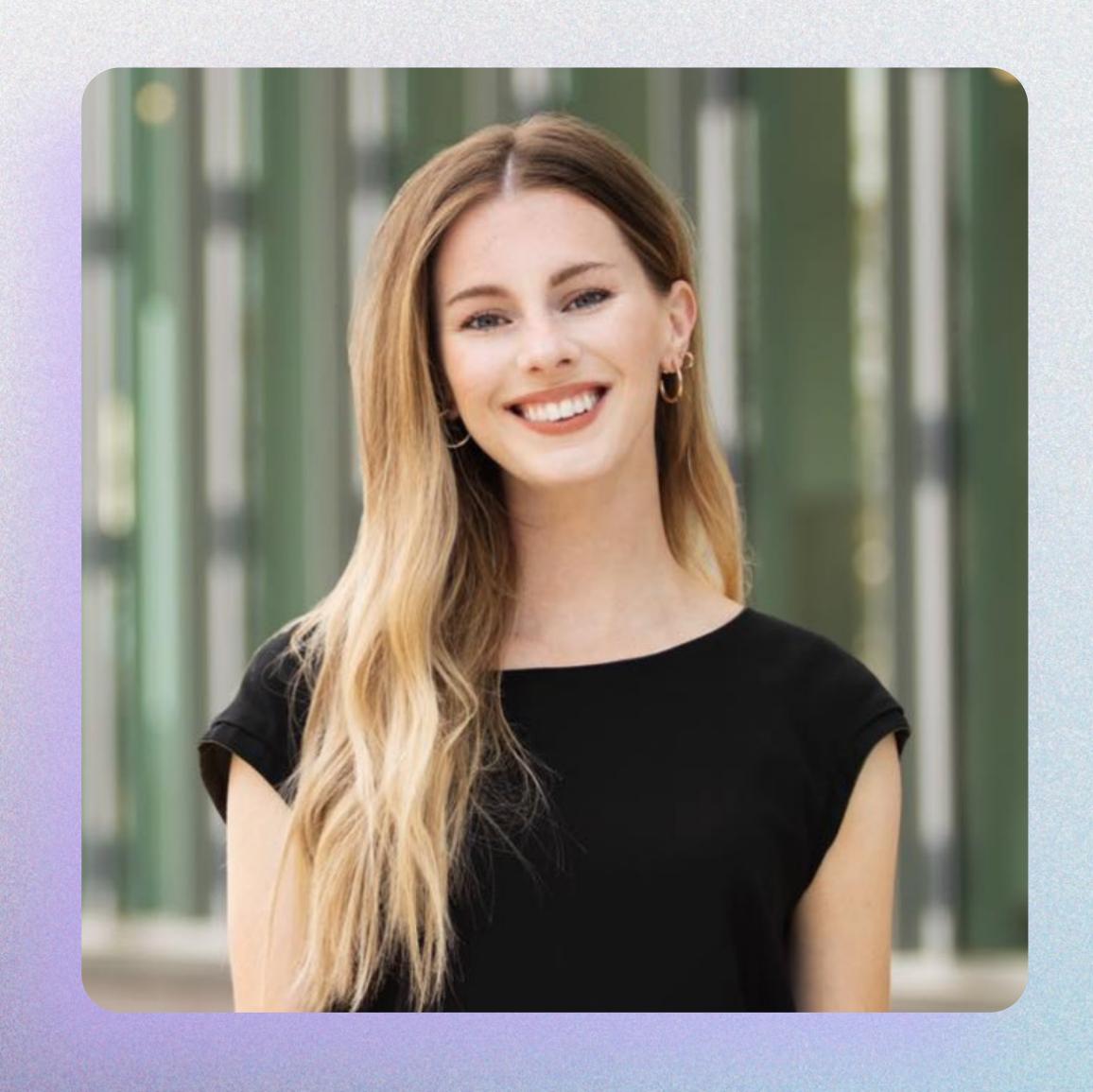
Paul says honor people like Epaphroditus who almost died serving others.

Honor people like them









Philippians 2:19, 28 NIV

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²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him [Epaphroditus], so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.

Paul was so committed to the gospel mission that he was willing to send his best.

We should be so committed to the gospel mission that we are willing to send our best.

Philippians: Pursuing Authentic Joy

Imitating the Example of Christ