Philippians 2:19-30
For the week of 11/8/26

Reflection

1. What were some of the insights for you from Sunday's sermon?

Read Verse 19-22

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

2. What does Paul mean when he says, "I hope in the Lord Jesus Christ"? Is it a wish? Why or why not? (See also Hebrews 10:23, 11:1; 1Peter 1:3, 3:15)

3. What are the reasons Paul gives for sending Timothy to the Philippian Church?

4. How do verses 20-21 support what Paul said in Philippians 2:3-4?

Application

5. How are you at being genuinely concerned for the welfare of others?

Read Verses 23-24

23 I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, 24 and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

6. What is Paul saying in this one sentence? (Look back to verse 17 from last week.)

Read Verses 25-26

25 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, 26 for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

7. From Paul's description, who is Epaphroditus? What is his character? Where is he from?

Application

8. How would your character in Christ be described?

Read Verses 27-30

27 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. 28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. 29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, 30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

9. How do these verses speak to the risk for the work of Christ?

<u>Application</u>

Take a moment to review and reflect on the list given in Pastor Matt's sermon.
It's a risk to follow Jesus:

- You might get rejected
- You might get your heart broken
- You might get taken advantage of
- You might have less time and money for yourself
- You might get sick, injured, or even give your life away in service to Him

And you also might:

- See miracles happen
- Watch lives being changed before your very eyes
- See people get saved
- Watch young believers grow into courageous leaders
- See the Gospel advance into new areas or unreached people groups