

# *the* TAKE HOME 02.07.16

**Today's Scripture Passage:** Philippians 2:19-30 page 831/Pew Bible

19 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 takes a genuine interest in your welfare. 21 For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 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. 25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow 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. 28 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 Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, 30 because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

## Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- What stands out to you most about the example of Timothy or Epaphroditus?
- When you think of believers that you can count on, who comes to mind?
  - What characteristics do they display?
  - Do those characteristics match those of Paul's co-workers?
- How might you grow in appreciating the faithful believers around you?
- How might you grow in honoring the faithful believers around you?
- Looking at the example of Timothy and Epaphroditus, how can you become more like Jesus (a person that others can count on)?

## Bible Challenge

- Like an ancient scribe, write this scripture word for word.
- On your electronic device, download "The Bible" app by Life.Church. Go to Philippians and click the audio button at the top right to listen to the book of Philippians all the way through. How does God speak to you through this?
- Reword the passage as if writing to your Christian friends.
- Read the passage in several translations. What do you notice?

- **Memorize the series' verse: Philippians 3:12**  
**Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.**

- All done? Try reading/studying the passage for next week: Philippians 3:1-