

Encouraging Words for Challenging Times
People Who Get It
Philippians 2:19-30

Encouragement's Power on Leaders

2:19-24

It was Paul's intention to dispatch Timothy to Philippi as soon as he knew the outcome of his present circumstances (vv. 19, 23). It is both striking and sad that Paul would say "I have no one else like him" (v. 20). Apparently those promoting their "own interests, not those of Jesus Christ" (v. 21) were even among Paul's close associates. But Paul knew he could depend on Timothy to bring back a report about the Philippian church which would encourage Paul (v. 19).

Evangelical Commentary on the Bible

Encouragement's Power on Community

2:25-30

The believers in Philippi were not to think wrongly of Epaphroditus for coming home. They were not to think that he had failed when Paul needed him most. He was to be welcomed **in the Lord** and in fact to be honored.

Paul's desire here illustrates how believers ought to relate toward those who may be misunderstood by others. Genuine Christian love, a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22), is always desirable, for it defends others and overlooks their faults (1 Cor. 13:7).

The Bible Knowledge Commentary

**Allowing Christ to change us
encourages those who lead and follow us.**

- Q1. Who I am leading in my life currently? How has my obedience to Christ impacted them?
- Q2. How have those I am in community with been impacted by my walk with Christ?