

# Philippians: Fellowship of the Gospel

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## Study 11: Epaphroditus: Honour such men

**READ** Philippians 2:25-30; 4:14-20 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

1. Read Phil 4:14-20 and explain the reason why Epaphroditus was with Paul in Rome. How does knowing this provide clarification to Paul's opening statements regarding "gospel partnership" (1:3-5)?
2. Scripture tells us little about Epaphroditus. It is likely that he had no high position of importance or was endowed with any standout spiritual gifts. Therefore, he becomes a model for Christian service that is within everyone's grasp. What five descriptions does Paul give of this man in v. 25 and how do each affirm his faithfulness?
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3. What was the reason for Paul sending Epaphroditus back to Philippi? How does the reason reflect the attitude presented in 2:3-4?

4. What attitude is described in v. 26? Where does such an attitude come from (read 1 John 4:10; John 13:34-35)? How is this attitude reflected in Paul attributing God's mercy to Epaphroditus' healing?
5. What ways has God had mercy on you today? Pause and thank Him for the evidence of His grace.
6. Paul told the Philippian church to "honour such men" like Timothy and Epaphroditus for their selfless service. What are some ways in which you can do this?
7. It nearly cost Epaphroditus his life to serve the Lord and have the gospel move forward (v. 30). There is always a cost involved in God's Word moving forward. What is that price for you?

**STOP AND PRAY: according to the A.C.T.S. method**

**Adoration:** Praise God for His mercy and grace toward the world, church and you.

**Confession:** Confess times you have taken His mercy and love for granted.

**Thanksgiving:** For the faithfulness of specific brothers and sisters you know.

**Supplication:** Pray these two prayers of commitment ...

- ❖ What is it that is not being done, that ought to be done, that I could do with Your enabling and favour, and if it were done, would result in great advance of Your kingdom and glory to Christ?
- ❖ Lord, I will go anywhere, anytime, and do anything You want. I am Yours!