

Philippians 2:25-30

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 honour 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.



Edmund Burke

1729-1797

Irish writer, politician

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil, is for good men everywhere to do nothing.

A graphic with a dark blue background. At the top, the word "YOUR" is in white. Below it, "ATTITUDE" is in large, blue, block letters with a white outline. Underneath "ATTITUDE" is the word "DETERMINES" in white, set within a white rectangular box. Below that, "YOUR" is written in large, white, block letters with a red dashed outline. At the bottom, "DIRECTION" is in white, block letters, followed by a series of white chevrons pointing to the right. Below the entire graphic, the text "A SERIES ON PHILIPPIANS 2" is written in white, bold, block letters.

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus”
Philippians 2:5

1. An attitude of humility 2:1-5
2. An attitude of servanthood 2:5-11
3. An attitude of obedience 2:12-18
4. An attitude of sincerity 2:19-24
5. An attitude of courage 2:25-30

An Attitude of Courage Philipians 2:25-30

An attitude of courage:

THE CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS

Epaphroditus:

Brother:
Heb 10:24-25

Fellow worker:
Matt 28:19-20

Fellow soldier:
Eph 6:10-18

Messenger:
Rom 10:15

THE CALL TO COME AND _____

Luke 9:23 If anyone would come after me, he must _____ and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Take up your cross =

daily =

v.29-30 tells us that Epaphroditus _____
Greek = paraboulesestha =

What is Christ calling you to?

1. Epaphroditus risked his life to go to Rome to help Paul. Paul was in prison and so Epaphroditus could possibly come under the same charges that Paul was charged with. How courageous do you think you are in living a Christian life? Explain.

2. When you think of all Christians as being “brothers and sisters in the Lord” what does that mean to you? Also read Hebrews 10:24-25.

3. As fellow workers for the Gospel, God has gifted us all differently. How does this work together in furthering the Kingdom of God?

What are your spiritual gifts. (Note: there is a spiritual gift test on the Emmanuel website)

4. As fellow soldiers we are to be ready to fight the battle against the forces of evil that want to stop the work of the church (Read Ephesians 6:10-18). Explain what it means to put on the full armour of God, and how important it is.

5. We are all called to messengers for Jesus. We share the message of Christ in many different ways. Explain.

Tell someone your story this week?

6. Read Luke 9:23. Explain what it means to take up your cross.

How do we do this daily?

7. God called Epaphroditus to give help to the apostle Paul, and he risked his life to complete the task. What is God calling you to?