

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for May 4-5, 2002

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"A Priceless Pair"

Philippians 2:19-30

What do we learn about Epaphroditus from Philippians 2:25-30?

We learn who Epaphroditus was to others (Philippians 2:25).

We also learn why Epaphroditus was sent back to Philippi by Paul (Philippians 2:26-27).

We learn how Paul wanted Epaphroditus to be received (Philippians 2:28-30).

Paul wanted Epaphroditus to be received with joy (Philippians 2:28-29).

The word "more eagerly" (SPOUDAIOTEROS) communicates "eagerness, earnestness, diligence."

Seeing someone we care about rejoice in the midst of suffering helps to diminish our godly anxiety for their welfare, causing us to be less concerned (Philippians 2:28).

The word "receive" (PROSDECHOMA) is in the imperative mood.

Paul's command to receive him with all joy is an attempt to remove any criticism of Epaphroditus for perhaps abandoning his ministry to Paul.

Paul wanted Epaphroditus to be received with an appropriate degree of respect (Philippians 2:29).

The word "high regard" (ENTIMOS) means "honored, prized, precious." (Philippians 2:28-29).

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Epaphroditus and people like him should be respected because they are willing to put their lives on the line for the sake of Christ (Philippians 2:28-29).

The word "risking" (PARABOLEUSAMENOS) is a term associated with gambling.
(Philippians 2:28-29).

There is no greater expression of honor for another individual and the way they have lived their lives than by making them our role model.