

The Heart of Servant Leadership: Paul and Epaphroditus
Philippians 2:25-30 ~ David Eslick

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Paul's Description of Epaphroditus

- **Brother** - Identified together as family in Christ
- **Fellow Worker** – Aligned together for work in the Kingdom of God
- **Fellow Soldier** – In covenant, facing hardships of life together
- **Messenger** – Fully devoted to the gospel and those who need to hear it
- **Caregiver** – Generous and selfless giving and serving in tangible and practical ways

Servant Leaders Commended by Paul

Romans 16

- **Phoebe** – a key representative and helper (v. 1-2)
- **Priscilla & Aquilla** – hospitable, sharing in the work (v. 3-5)
- **Epenetus** – first (v. 5)
- **Andronicus and Junias** - outstanding (v. 7)
- **Apelles** – tried and true (v. 10)
- **Tryphena & Tryphosa** - diligent (v. 12)
- **Persis** – dear friend (v. 12)
- **Rufus** – a good choice! (v. 13)
- **Rufus' Mother** – a dear mother (v. 13)

The Apostle Paul

- **Paul's Relationships** - Generous, Self-sacrificing, Selfless
- **Paul's Focus** - Concerned, Prioritized, Devoted
- **Paul's Attitude** - Joyful, Hopeful, Content

Calling Us Higher

1. THE CRISIS - 1 Corinthians 3:1-3
2. THE CALL - 1 Timothy 3:1
4. THE COMMENDATION - 1 Timothy 3:13

Where to Begin?

3. THE COURSE OF ACTION - Hebrews 13:17
 - **Committed to Assembling Together**
 - **Devoted to Fellowship**
 - **Doers, Not Merely Hearers**
 - **Servanthood: A Way of Life**
 - **Financial Support**
 - **Submitted to Leaders**
 - **Covenant Faithfulness**