

BIBLE STUDY

Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

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PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30

Personal Reflection: In Nicky Gumbel's *Life Worth Living* Study Booklet, he titles this section of Philippians NEW FRIENDSHIPS. In verse 22 Paul writes about his relationship with Timothy, "as a son with a father". Do you see your Christian Friendships the same way Paul does?

1. In your opinion, what was the reason that Paul wants to send Timothy to Philippi?
2. Who is Epaphroditus and why do you think that Epaphroditus was sent instead of Timothy?
3. How does Paul describe Epaphroditus? Of all the words used by Paul to describe him, which one stands out for you and why?
4. What does Paul mean by Grief on top of Grief or Sorrow upon Sorrow (depending on translation) in verse 27?
5. The theme for this section of Philippians could be humility and unity; share examples from the text referring to one of these themes.
6. Paul refers to joy/cheered and God's mercy in these verses, name some examples in your own life where you have experienced God's Joy or Mercy.