



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOR THE GOSPEL

**MODELS OF SERVICE, PT. 2**

PHILIPPIANS 2:25-30

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Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - November 20, 2022

1. Value \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 25-26)

*Philippians 2:25-30 (ESV)*

*25 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, 26 for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. 29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, 30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.*

2. Value \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 28-30)

3. Trust \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 27)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How does the example of Epaphroditus encourage you to faithfully serve the body of Christ? Who is somebody that you see faithfully serving your church that you would like to encourage?

2. **Read Philippians 2:29-30.** Who are some people who have taken risks for Christ that have inspired you (they could be someone you personally know or who you have heard/read about? If appropriate, how could you honor those people? What about their example would you like to emulate?

3. Think through the seven ways mentioned in the sermon that we can practice risk right now. Which of these do you currently see being practiced in your life? Which of these would you like to grow in?

4. **Read Romans 8:35-39.** What are some of the fears that may keep you from taking more “sanctified risks”? How do the powerful truths presented in these verses help to put these fears to rest?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Anderson, Courtney. *To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson*. Judson Pr, 1987.

Begg, Alistair. *Brave by Faith*. The Good Book, 2021.

Brother Andrew. *God's Smuggler*.

Eliot, Elisabeth. *Through Gates of Splendor*. Tyndale Momentum, 1981.

Fabarez, Mike. "Ambitious Faith." Sermon series. Available at Focal Point Radio - focalpointministries.org

Gonzalez, Justo. *The Story of Christianity, Vol. 1*. HarperOne, 2010.

McAsland, David. Eric Liddell: *Pure Gold*. Our Daily Bread Publishing, 2001.

Müller, George. *The Autobiography of George Müller*.

Piper, John. <https://www.desiringgod.org/biographies> (A collection of biographical messages)

Taylor, Howard. *Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*.

Wiersbe, Warren. *50 People Every Christian Should Know*. Baker Books, 2009.

Wurmbrand, Richard. *Tortured for Christ*. David C Cook, 2017.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that the faithful servants at our church would be encouraged.

Pray that our trust in the mercy of Christ would grow.

Pray that God would increase our boldness and confidence to serve Him - no matter the cost.

Give thanks to God this week and forget not all his benefits (Psalm 103).

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
11/21	Lamentations 4-5	2 Timothy 2
11/22	Ezekiel 1-4	2 Timothy 3
11/23	Ezekiel 5-9	2 Timothy 4
11/24	Ezekiel 10-13	2 Peter 1
11/25	Ezekiel 14-16	2 Peter 2
11/26	Ezekiel 17-19	2 Peter 3