



#3 A Life of Compassion
Prairie Rose EMC, March 14, 2021
Pastor Mike – Phil. 2:19-30

1. A Life of Connection (Phil. 1:1-11)

“I thank my God every time I remember you”. Phil. 1:3

2. A Life of Purpose (Phil. 1:12-30)

“for me to live is Christ and to die is gain”. Phil. 1:21

3. A Life of Humility (Phil. 2:1-18) Phil. 2:3

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”

4. A Life of Compassion (Phil. 2:19-30)

“For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.” Phil. 2:21

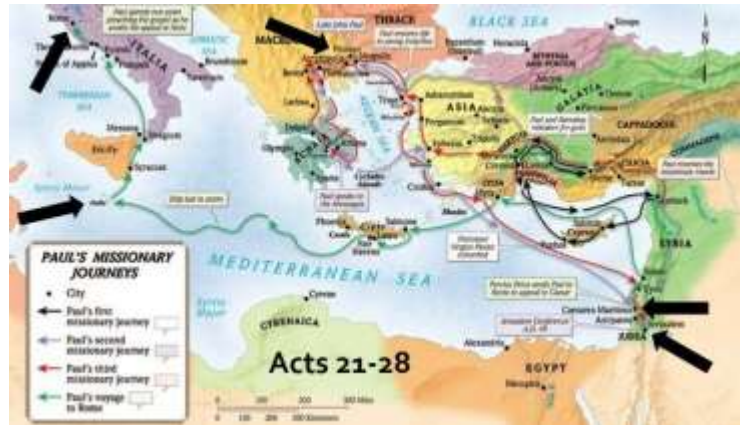
“For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.” Act 28:30&31

“I want you to know brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.” Phil. 1:12

A life of sacrifice/compassion demonstrated by:

Timothy – like a son (22)

Epaphroditus – like a brother (25)



A Life of Compassion is:

1. Rooted in Jesus.

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive the news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

2. Extended to a variety of people.

- Different backgrounds, ages, conversion experiences, temperaments

3. Essential to ongoing spiritual growth.

- 1) For encouragement in difficult times.
- 2) For accountability and temptation.

²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

4. Expressed by the sacrifice of one's own interests.

²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. 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 honor 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

“Risking his Life” = “The Parabolani” = “The gamblers” = “The riskers”

“What are you willing to risk for Christ?”

“When you fear God - you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God - you fear everything else.”

Oswald Chambers

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