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1. Understanding the importance of the Travelogue?

A) What is a Travelogue?

B) Why did Paul add it here in the letter?

2. The Example of Timothy (2:19-24)

A) Timothy loved God's people

B) Timothy was a proven servant

3. The Example of Epaphroditus (2:25-30)

A) Epaphroditus loved God's people

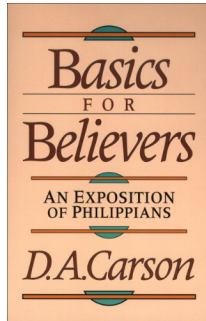
B) Epaphroditus was a willing servant

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- Philippians 2:3-4

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.

- Albert Schweitzer



Recommended Reading:
Basics for Believers by Don Carson

Questions for Reflection:

1. Why do you think it's important that we have the travel itinerary in Philippians?
2. Who are the people in your life who model Jesus? In what ways do they model Christlikeness?
3. Who are the people in our life for whom you model Jesus? In what ways would they say you model Christlikeness?
4. Does faithful Christian living always look extraordinary? Why or why not?
5. How do you cultivate a servant heart of selflessness rather than selfishness?
6. Consider each description. Why does Paul call Epaphroditus his brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, messenger, and minister?
7. In what ways has God had mercy on you today or recently?
8. What are some practical ways you can *honor* servants of the gospel like Timothy and Epaphroditus at your church?

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