

EPAPHRODITUS

**An Exposition of Philippians 2:25-30
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Sermon Outline

1. COMMON FAMILY

“My brother”

2. COMMON TASK

“My fellow-labourer”

3. COMMON BATTLE

“My fellow-soldier”

4. “YOUR MESSENGER AND MINISTER”

5. “RISKED HIS LIFE FOR THE GOSPEL”

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does the name “Epaphroditus” mean? (note: there are two definitions) What does his name say about the culture in which he lived?
2. Why and how could the apostle Paul call this Greek man his “brother”?
3. Why did Paul call Epaphroditus his “fellow-laborer”? What did he see in him? (Mat 9:37-38; 1 Cor 15:58; Mat 20:1-7) Is there any room for idleness in the Kingdom of God?
4. The Kingdom of God is often described in military terms. Does this differ from the world’s perception of Christianity? Describe or list some of the battles a believer will have to endure. (2 Cor 10:3-5; 2 Tim 2:3; 1 Pet 4:12)
5. How can the believer equip him/herself for battle? (Eph 6:10-18)
6. What was Paul referring to when he said that Epaphroditus was “YOUR messenger and minister”? Describe the method in which Epaphroditus became chosen as Paul’s envoy.
7. Is the gospel worth “risking your life” for? Why?