

# **RISK IT!**

## ***No Risk It, No Biscuit***

Philippians, #11

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**Text:** Philippians 2:25–30

**Truth Points:** What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. What are the four examples used in Philippians 2? What do each of them illustrate? How do they reflect different roles in the body of Christ?
2. In Philippians 2:25–30, what did each of the four examples do or should have done? How does this reflect the multi-phase reality that each of us live in throughout life? Which phase are you in now? How might this change in a moment's notice?
3. List and describe the five ways Epaphroditus is described in verses 25–28. What does this teach us about who needs to be sent out as a representative of the church family?
4. How was Paul protecting Epaphroditus from the attacks of lesser people in the church?
5. Who was to receive Epaphroditus? What does that mean and why is it important?
6. What does the Holy Spirit mean "to honor such men as these"?
7. What is the difference between recklessness and risk in the Christian life? Is it even godly to take risks, or is this testing God? What does risk management mean for people like Paul, Timothy, and Epaphroditus?

**Reflection Points:** How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. Do I value my life over God? What is the Holy Spirit teaching me about risk and risk management? Is it possible to be a servant of Jesus without sacrifice and risk?
2. Am I someone others should receive and honor in the application of this passage? Have I been a good steward of God's gifts (time, talent, liberties, resources)? What noble things should I do this week, this month, and this year for Jesus?
3. Do I honor the world's heroes or God's heroes? Who do I need to honor this week for their faith and sacrifice in our church family? What are my next three steps to honor Jesus' servants?

**Action Points:** What am I going to do **this week** because of this truth?

1. **Read:** Philippians 3:1–11 for next week.
2. **Reflect** on Philippians 2:29 every day.
3. **Ask** yourself three questions every day:
  - Have I lived risky for Jesus like Epaphroditus?
  - Who do I need to honor?
  - What is holding me back?
4. **Share** with another follower of Jesus what you are learning about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc. Help them follow Jesus better in 2024.