



Honoring the Unseen: Philippians 2:25–30

ICEBREAKER

Think of someone who has quietly made a difference in your life but probably doesn't realize how much their actions meant to you. What did they do?

READ IT

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1. FAITHFUL SERVICE IS OFTEN UNSEEN

Paul describes Epaphroditus as his “brother,” “fellow worker,” and “fellow soldier.” Much of what Epaphroditus did happened without recognition or attention.

- Why do you think we naturally tend to notice visible forms of service more than behind-the-scenes service?
- Who are some people whose faithful service you may not notice until you stop and think about it?
- How does knowing that God sees our service change the way we think about recognition?

2. FAITHFUL SERVICE OFTEN COSTS SOMETHING

Epaphroditus became seriously ill and “almost died” while serving Christ and caring for Paul.

- What are some things that faithful service can cost us—time, comfort, money, energy, convenience, etc.?
- Why can it be tempting to serve only when it is convenient?
- Can you think of a time when serving someone cost you something but was ultimately worth it?

3. FAITHFUL SERVICE SHOULD BE HONORED

Paul tells the Philippians, “**Honor people like him.**”

- What do you think Paul means by “honor” in this passage?
- Why is it important for a church to intentionally recognize people whose service happens behind the scenes?
- Is there someone you should thank or honor this week for their faithful service?

LIVE IT OUT

This week, look for the unseen.

Identify one person whose faithful service often goes unnoticed. Take a moment to intentionally thank and encourage them.

Then ask yourself: “Am I willing to faithfully serve even when nobody notices?”

KEY TAKEAWAY

God sees the faithful service that others overlook, so we should faithfully serve Christ and intentionally honor those who serve unseen.