

**Philippians:**  
**“Experiencing Joy In God’s Sovereignty”**

**Scriptural References**

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Otherwise Noted)**

**Chapter 2:26-30 “A Portrait of Humble Self-Sacrifice & Self-Denial”**

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**Philippians 2:26-30:**

**[26]** *for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.*

**[27]** *Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.*

**[28]** *I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.*

**[29]** *So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men,*

**[30]** *for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.*

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#### 4 Ways Epaphroditus Demonstrates Servant-Leadership:

1. He was **Selfless** - More concerned for the needs of others than his own needs
2. He was **Devoted** - Willing to make whatever sacrifices were necessary and to push himself to the limit in his service to the Lord
3. He was **Willing To Submit to Another** - Submitted himself to godly authority *as unto the Lord* and accepted the work asked of him
4. He was **Worthy of Honor** - A level of service that earned him honor among the brothers and sisters and held in high regard by them for these qualities

#### **Relating To Verse 26-30:**

##### Romans 12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

##### 1 Timothy 5:17

*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.*