



First Baptist Church

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**FINDING JOY WHEN...
GOD SENDS ENCOURAGERS**

Philippians 2:19-30

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Each of us needs to be encouraged in Christ, and each of us can be an encourager. In both we find real and lasting joy.

Philippians 2:19-30

Philippians 2:19-22

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

20 For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. 22 But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

Philippians 2:23-24

**23 Therefore I hope to send him at once,
as soon as I see how it goes with me.**

**24 But I trust in the Lord that I myself
shall also come shortly.**

Philippians 2:25-27

²⁵ Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; ²⁶ since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. ²⁷ For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

Philippians 2:28

**Therefore I sent him the more eagerly,
that when you see him again you may
rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.**

Philippians 2:19

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

Philippians 2:20-22

²⁰ For I have no one like-minded [like Timothy], who will sincerely care for your state. ²¹ For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. ²² But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

Philippians 2:28-29

28 Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness [joy] . . .

Philippians 2:29-30

29 Receive him [Epaphroditus] therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; 30 because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

WHAT ABOUT US?

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- **All of us need encouragers.
Look for ones with the right
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- **All of us need encouragers. Look for ones with the right qualities.**
- **All of us have opportunities to encourage. Grow in the right qualities and encourage in the right way.**

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