

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus,



Paul's Letter to the

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all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be
pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of

“Hold Such Men In Esteem”

(Philippians 2:19-30)



PHILIPPIANS

Joy No Matter What

- **Those IN CHRIST can HAVE TRUE JOY & PEACE:**

- Regardless of our past - (our sins or what others have done to us)
- Regardless of our circumstances - (Our physical or material condition or how others are mistreating us)

“Hold Such Men In Esteem”

- “Paul’s Prayer For The Brethren In Philippi” - (1:3-11)
- “Making The Most of Our Circumstances” - (1:12-26)
- “Conduct Worthy of The Gospel” — (1:21-30)
- “Joyful Unity In Christ” — (Philippians 2:1-5) —
- “The Humbled & Exalted Christ” — (2:5-11) —
- “Working Out Our Own Salvation” — (2:12-18)



“Hold Such Men In Esteem”

- This lesson focuses on Paul's remarks concerning two men; one described as a “son,” the other as a “brother” (Php 2:19-30)
- These two men demonstrated the type of “humility & sacrificial service” expected of the disciple of Jesus Christ.



Philippians 2:19–30 (NKJV)

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 2:19–30 (NKJV)

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. 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;

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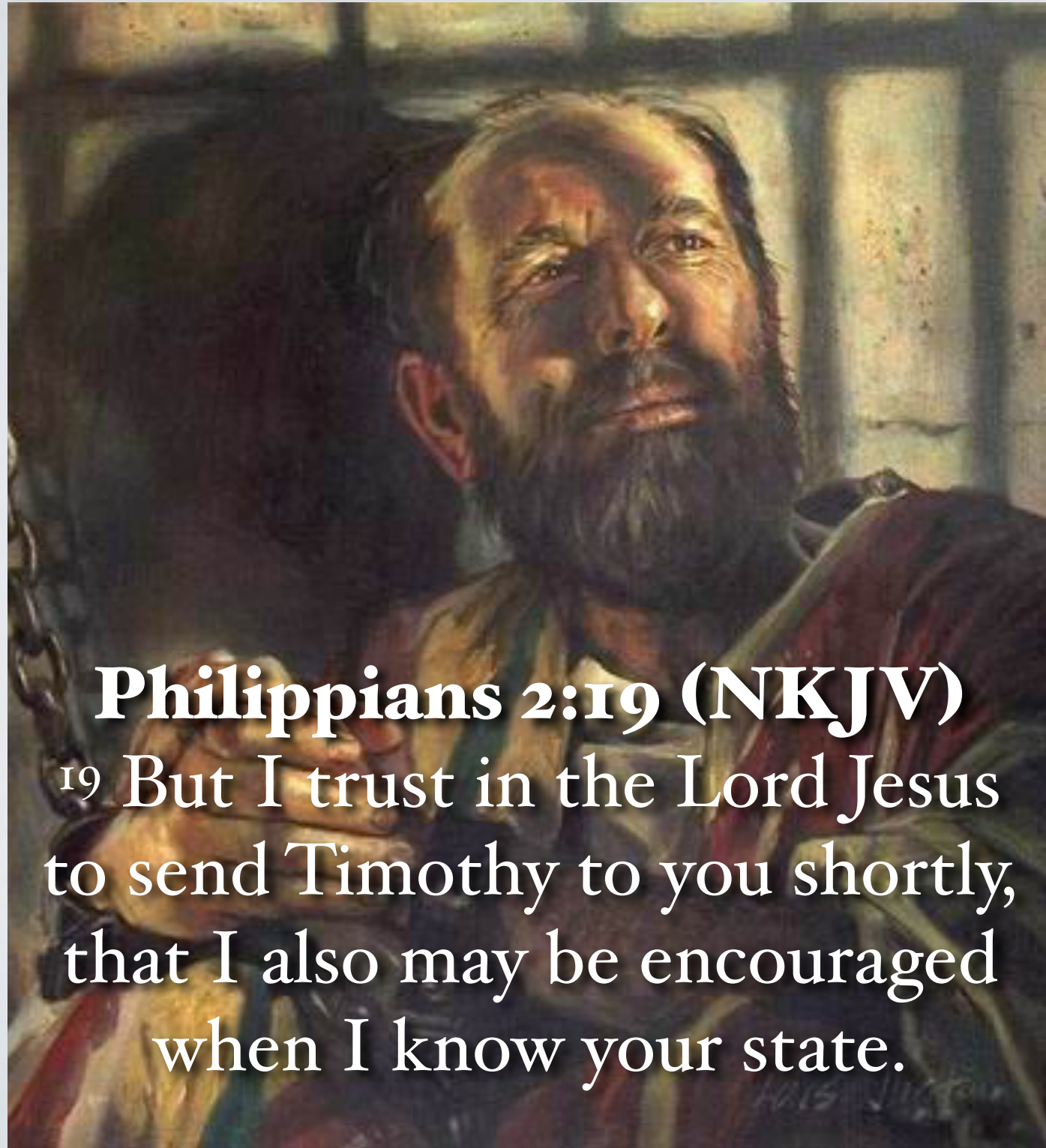
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TIMOTHY, PAUL'S "SON" (19-24)



Philippians 2:19 (NKJV)

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- Paul planned to send Timothy to Philippi — 19,23
- “I trust in the Lord” i.e., “If the Lord wills” (19a cf. Jm 4:15)
- Paul desired to be encouraged by their faith (19b)
- Would be delayed until Paul's condition was known (23b)

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- Timothy's character
 - Paul & Timothy were likeminded i.e., truly "united in spirit" - 2:2
 - Timothy was the best "alternate" Who would "sincerely care for your state" (20b, 21b)
 - Timothy had first joined Paul just before going to Philippi - they knew him well — (22; cf. Ac 16:1-12; Acts 19:21, 22; 20:3-6; II Cor. 1:1).

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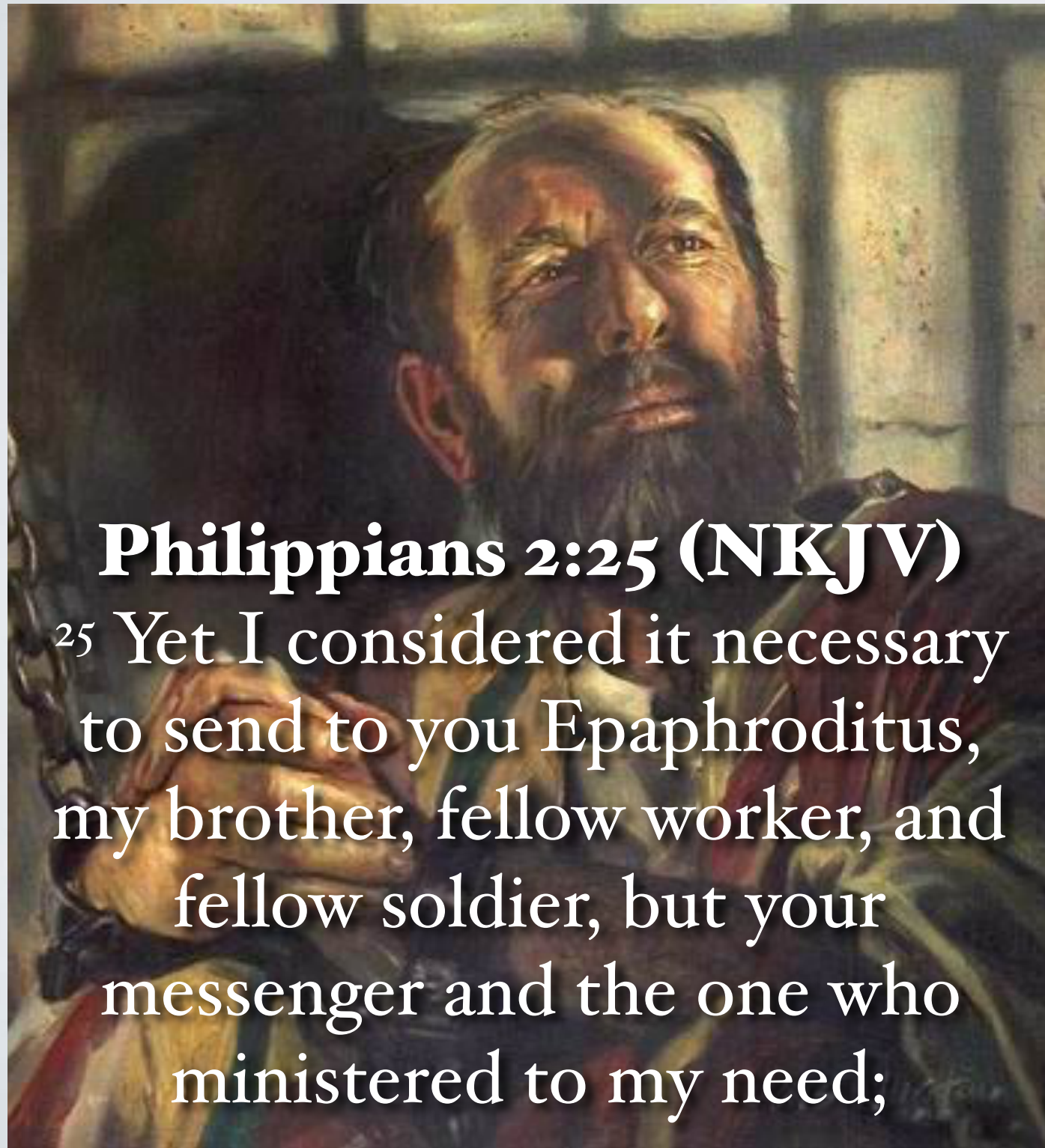
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- All Others Seek Their Own - 21
 - Indicative of the keen disappointment which the apostle had in some others. cf. Phil. 1:15, 17; 2 Tim 4:10.16
- All others with Paul at the time were spiritually unqualified — (*Luke, Aristarchus, Tychicus, Crescens, and Titus were not in Rome at the time*)

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EPAPHRODITUS, MY "BROTHER" (25-30)



Philippians 2:25 (NKJV)

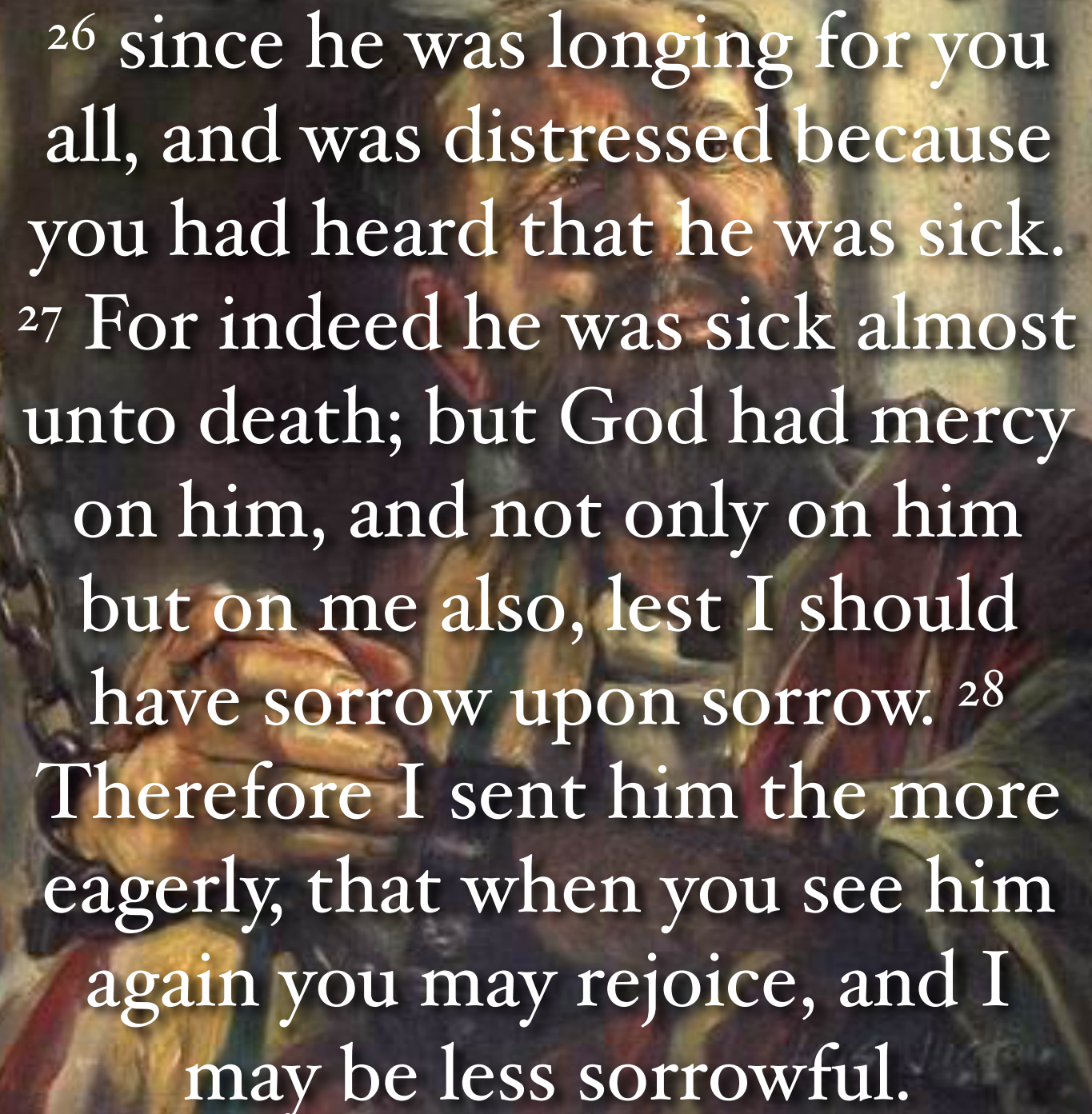
²⁵ Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

- **"My brother"** - in Christ
- **"Fellow-worker"** - of spreading the gospel
- **"Fellow-soldier"** - shared in the conflicts with the enemies of Christ
- **"Your messenger"** - bore the gift from Philippi to Paul (600 miles)- cf. Php 4:18
- **"Who ministered to my needs"** - he offered himself in service to Paul

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EPAPHRODITUS, MY "BROTHER" (25-30)

Philippians 2:26–28 (NKJV)

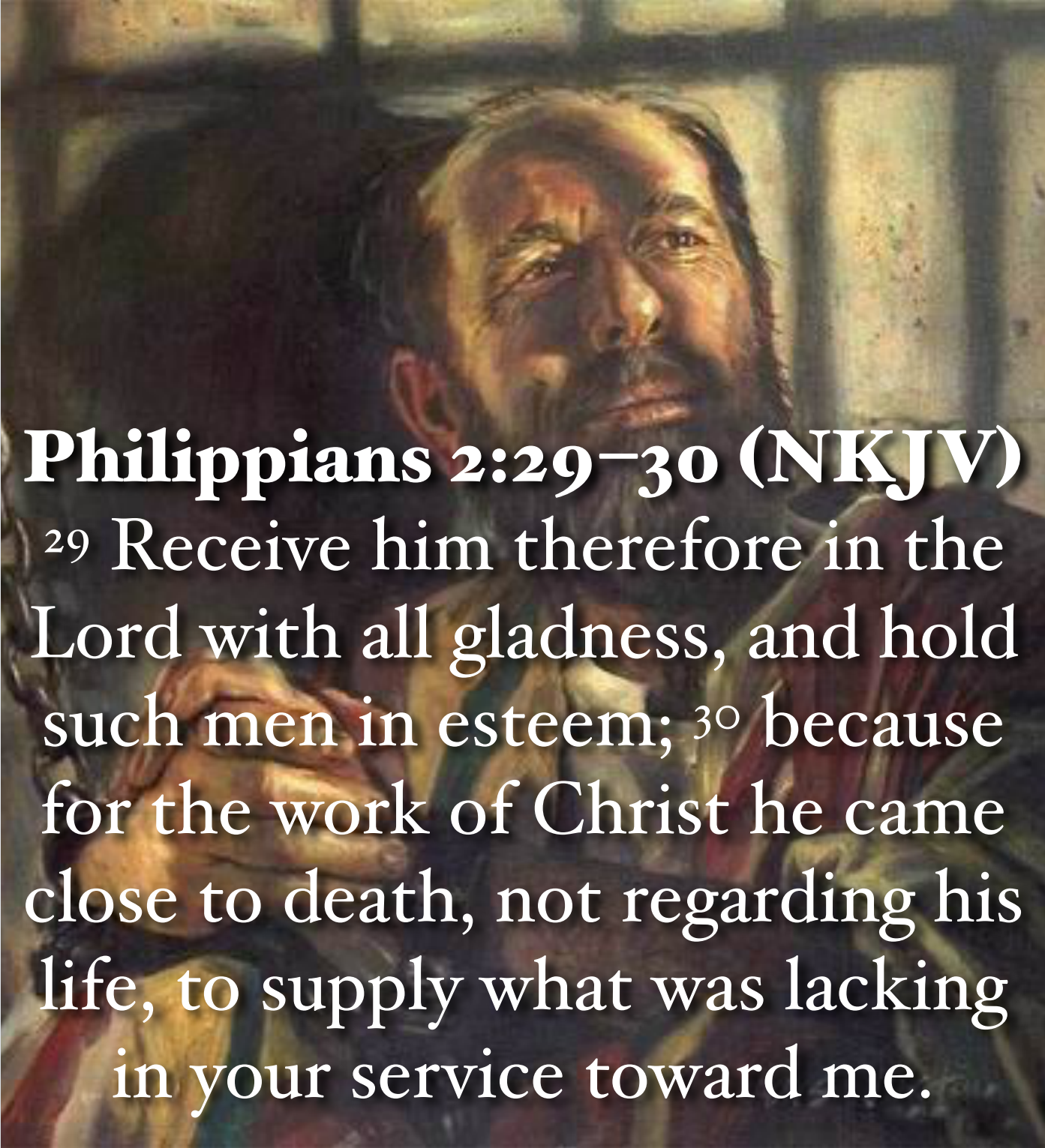


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- **Trustworthy** - (The church in Philippi trusted him with their gift - 4:18)
- **Dearly loved** - (by Paul & the church in Philippi — 2:26,27,28)
- **A hard worker** - (almost worked himself to death for the Lord — 2:25,30)
- **Brave & devoted** - (he risked his life for the cause of Christ in service to his brethren — 2:26,30)

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- This faithful minister must be received with deep gratitude to the Lord —
- Such sacrificial service for the Lord should be respected, encouraged and supported!
 - He was NOT an elder, or famous preacher / he was a servant, as all of us should be in whatever capacity we are able! — Rom 12:6-8

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HOLD IN HIGH ESTEEM



- The church today needs more people like these two men, (*Preachers like Timothy & Ministers like Epaphroditus*)
- Not only do we need to be sacrificial servants - we need to encourage others as well — our elders, our deacons, Bible class teachers, song leaders, those who LABOR behind the scenes!

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For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

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HOLD IN HIGH ESTEEM



➤ *Real, genuine joy can ONLY be found in real, genuine sacrificial service in God's cause ...*

- First must obey the gospel — Heb 5:8,9; Mk 16:16
- Growing in faith, diligently serving the Lord — 2 Pet 1:5-10
- Eternal joy awaits — (Rom 8:18; 1 Cor 15:58)



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