



**Show genuine
concern for each
other's welfare**

**Philippians
2:19-30**

Being a Christ-like community



People
who
inspire
us.

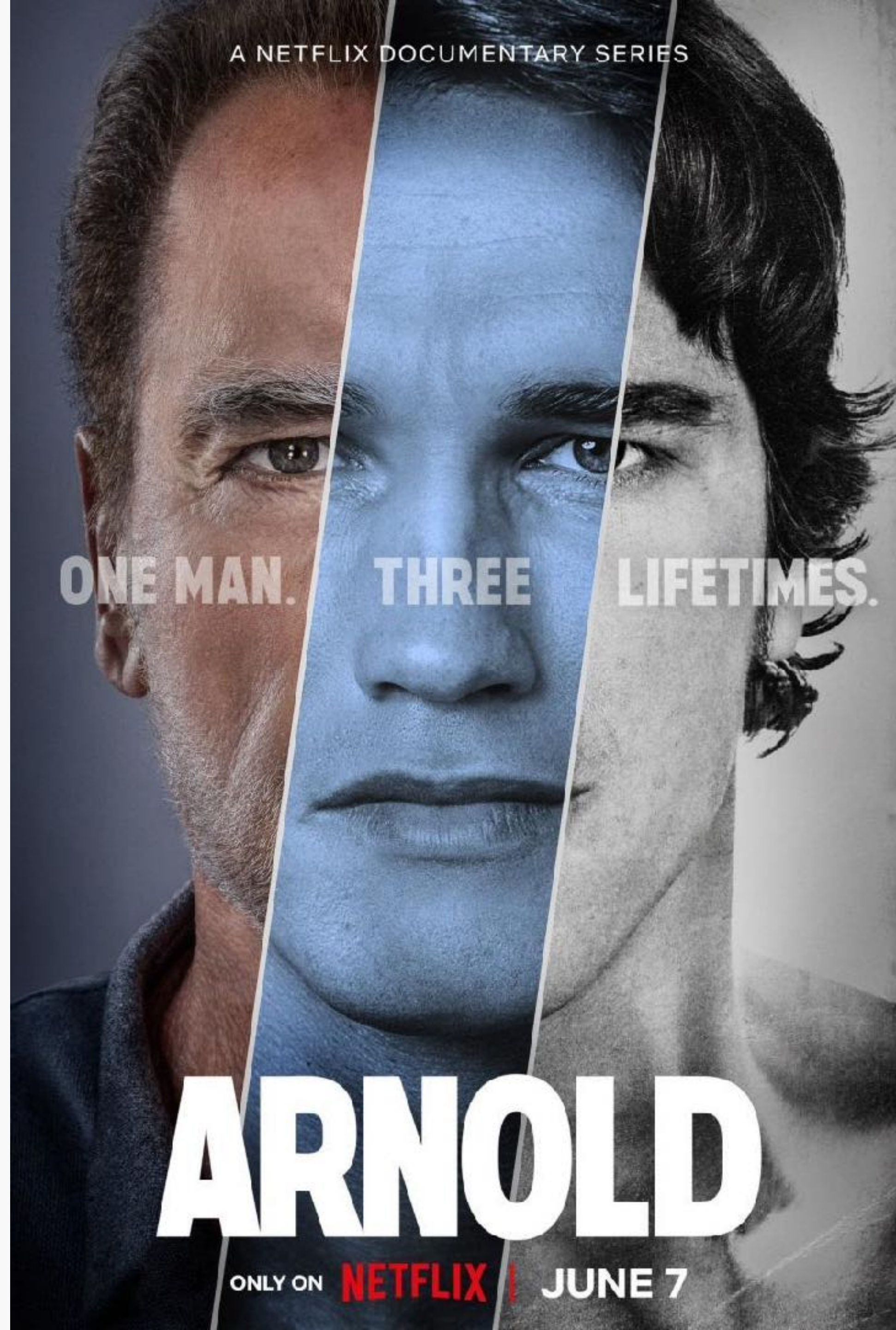
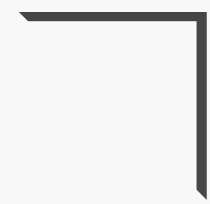


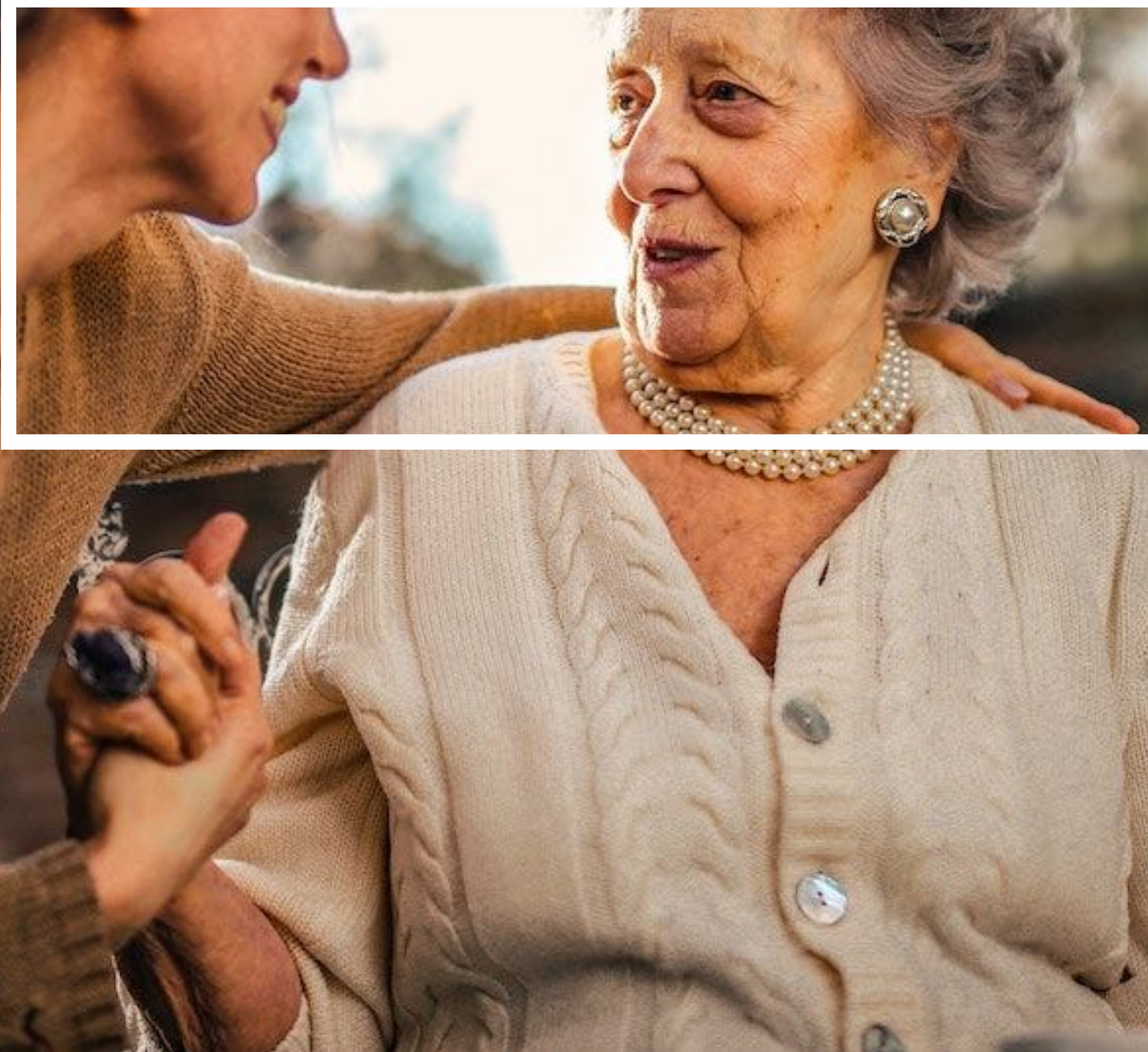
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People who
inspire us:

**Timothy &
Epaphroditus**





Philippians 2:19-30
Soaked in care!



Phil.

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19-22

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send **Timothy** to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.

20 I have no one else like him, who will show **genuine concern for your welfare.**

21 For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

22 But you know that **Timothy has proved himself**, because as a son with his father **he has served with me** in the work of the gospel.

“I have no
one else like
him, who will
show
genuine
concern for
your
welfare.”



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He had a genuine
concern for the
welfare of the
Philippians



My interests? Or Jesus's?

Philippians 2:20-21

“I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.

For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.”



Self or others first?



How did Paul know Timothy's concern was genuine?

“But you know that Timothy
has **proved himself**, because
as a son with his father he **has
served with me** in the work of
the gospel.” Phi. 2:22



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His concern
proved
genuine by his
willingness to
serve

**“But I think it is
necessary to send
back to you
Epaphroditus, my
brother, co-worker
and fellow soldier,
who is also your
messenger, whom
you sent to take
care of my needs.”
Phil. 2:25**

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BE INSPIRED BY EPAPHRODITUS

His concern
also proved
genuine by
being
willing to
serve



Phil.

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26,

27a,

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26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.

27a Indeed he was ill, and almost died.

30 ...he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

“So then,
welcome him in
the Lord with
great joy, and
honour people
like him.”
Phil. 2:29

Honour
those
who
serve





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BE INSPIRED BY EPAPHRODITUS

“Epaphroditus,
my brother,
co-worker &
fellow soldier,”
Phil. 2:25

- ▶ Risked his life
- ▶ Almost died
- ▶ Helping Paul
- ▶ So he could get food & clothes

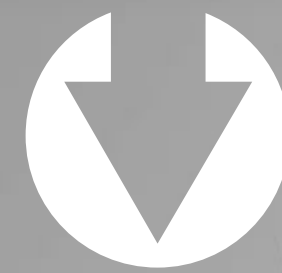


- ▶ Gave his life
- ▶ Willingly died
- ▶ Helping Us
- ▶ So we could get eternal life



A new mindset:
I AM SECOND

**Jesus's concern for
our eternal welfare
proved genuine by his
serving & dying**



**Our concern for others
becomes genuine**



Phil.
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5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!