

## **Role Models**

Philippians 2:19-30

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**July 4, 2021**

1. Role models today tend to be people who are either simply famous, or have credentials next to their name. What are the differences between popular role models today and the role models who “show genuine concern for your welfare” (Philippians 2:20). Who are some of the non-accredited, non-celebrity figures in your life who model godly living?
2. Timothy is described as special (verse 20), genuine (verse 20), focused (verse 21), faithful (verse 22), and a servant (verse 22). Have you experienced anyone in your life who has modeled any of these exemplary traits? Share with your group a specific story of someone you've seen model one of these traits.
3. Epaphroditus is described as a “brother”, “co-worker”, “fellow soldier” (verse 25). However those are due to his belief in Christ. Paul gives additional accolades of Epaphroditus which are worth striving for; Paul says he is a messenger (verse 28) and a minister (verse 25). In what ways can Calvary Church and this small group help you grow in any of these areas of being a messenger and minister?

In what ways does reading through the book of Philippians help you grow in those areas?

4. When thinking about “The Fight for Joy” idea that we have been discussing, how does this help you be the right role model for others?
5. Much of the world's role models become so simply because they are famous, have influence, and reach a broad audience. Many faithful Christians throughout the centuries model godly living for us without any glamour, or spotlight. Examples such as William Tyndale, David Livingston, Corrie Ten Boom, Hudson Taylor, Amy Carmichael, Bonhoeffer all died without a huge procession, TV audience or livestream. Are there “25 cent” moments in your life where you can serve God? What are some ordinary areas in your life that God is calling you to?