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A Fractured Unity: Unity in Service

Philippians 2:19-30 "But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. ²⁰For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. ²¹For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. ²²But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. ²³Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. ²⁴But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly...."

1. **Unified in Our Concern** _____ **(vs 19-24)**
 - (a) Concern for _____ (vs 19-21)
 - (b) Concern for _____ (vs 22-24)

2. **Unified in Our Concern for the** _____ **(vs 25-30)**
 - (a) _____ to God (vs 25, 30a)
 - (b) _____ for those ministered unto (vs 26-27)
 - (c) _____ to God (vs 29-30)

...²⁵Yet 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; ²⁶since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. ²⁷For 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. ²⁸Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. ²⁹Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; ³⁰because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me."