

**Engage Joy, pt 17**  
**Unity Builders**  
**Philippians 2:19-30**

**Partners in ministry**

**Context**

**Examples: Timothy & Epaphroditus (2:19-30)**

**Unity Builder: genuine concern (2:20-21)**

*kindred spirit*

*genuine concern*

*your welfare*

Focus: **spiritual** welfare

the contrast: personal interests VS interests of **Christ**

the implication = our need

the practice

**Unity builder: proven faithfulness** (2:19-24)

*proven worth* ⇒ faithful over time

There are no shortcuts to long term faithfulness.

**Unity builder: servicing on behalf of others** (2:25-30)

brotherly relationship

*brother* = spiritual bond

*fellow-worker* = hard labor

*fellow-soldier* = share the risk of battle

vicarious ministry

*messenger*

*minister to my needs*

sacrificial investment

*sickness*

*risk of life*

send him back

byproduct

no one can do it all

"Who is meeting my need?" or

"Whose need can I meet?"

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

**Take it Home**

Maybe everybody can't do everything,  
but everybody can do something.

When everybody does something,  
anybody can see that nobody was left uncared for.

What is your part?