

WEEK SIX

Example of Timothy & Epaphroditus

**Produce and release spiritual leaders who
know and express the authentic Christ to
Northwest Arkansas and the world**

Common Views of a Leader

Up Front

Leading the Charge

Out Front

The Face of the Organization

In Charge

The One Everyone is Looking To

A maturing follower of Jesus with a ministry focus of life

Spiritual Leader

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with a ministry focus of life

~~Name Nowhere~~

Fingerprints Everywhere

Philippians 2:19-24 ^{ESV}

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Timothy

From Lystra

Greek father / Jewish mother

3 generations of believers

- grandmother, mother, timothy

Regular companion of Paul

Love & Loyalty

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Epaphroditus

From Philippi

Sent to church to help Paul

No other mention in Scripture/history

Brother
Fellow worker
Fellow soldier
Your messenger
Minister to my need

Philippians 2:25-30 ESV

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Self-Sacrificing Service

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Following Jesus isn't about being good or being great.
It's mostly about being faithful & available.

Ordinary people who will say “yes” to Jesus

Father, help me to live this day to the full being true to you in every way.
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.
Amen.