

# **GOD'S RISK TAKERS – PHIL 2:25-30**

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## **II. Epaphroditus: His Sickness**

### **A. The Problem with Problems for People**

### **B. The Problem with Problems for God**

### **C. The Provision of God with Problems**

## **III. Epaphroditus: His Significance**

### **A. Responding to Risk Takers**

### **B. Valuing Risk Takers**

### **C. Honoring Risk Takers**

**Challenge: What risks is God asking you to make for the sake of His kingdom?**

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**At the heart of working out our salvation is a people who are willing to be risk-takers. The challenge of every believer is the battle of taking risks, with the idea of maintaining a life of balance, safety and security. God calls His people to live with an unswerving conviction that He can work through us to make an eternal difference in the lives of those far from God. The question we must keep asking is this: are we more committed to playing it safe or taking risks for the cause of Christ?**

## **I. Epaphroditus: His Service**

### **A. From the Perspective of the Church**

**i. He was their Messenger -**

**ii. He was their Minister -**

### **B. From the Perspective of Paul**

**i. Paul's Brother -**

**ii. Paul's Fellow Worker -**

**iii. Paul's Fellow Soldier -**

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE STARTS @ 9:30AM | STAY & JOIN US FOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR @ 11:00AM**

**FOR CHILDREN: \*NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 2 IN ROOM 106 [A HOST CAN HELP YOU FIND THE ROOM]**

**9:30AM [1ST HOUR | DURING WORSHIP]**

Toddlers | Ages 2-3 | Room L10

Beginners Church | Ages 4-5 | Room L12

**11:00AM CROSS TRAINING [2ND HOUR | BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR]**

Ages 2-3 | Room L15 | Barb Little

Ages 4-5 | Room L12 | Jennifer Bennett

Grades 1-2 | Room L19 | Terri Woelfle

Grades 3-5 | Room L18 | Kevin Sheppard

**ACTIVITIES:**

EXPERIENCE | AWANA, Life Groups, Childcare & Food Distribution **WEDNESDAYS 5:30-8PM @ OGC**

**FOR YOUTH:**

**11:00AM [2ND HOUR | BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR]**

A Survey of The Old Testament | The Underground | Zach Kinder

**ACTIVITIES:**

SUPER BOWL PARTY | Junior & Senior High **SUNDAY, FEB 7TH 5-9PM @ OGC** in the UNDERGROUND

EXPERIENCING GOD | Junior & Senior High **SUNDAY, FEB 21ST 6:30-8PM @ OGC**

**FOR ADULTS:**

**11:00AM [2ND HOUR | BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR]**

**COLLEGE & CAREER** | The Book of Ephesians | Room 101 | Led by Grant & Jill Willett and Shelly Kregness

**FOUNDATIONS** | "Ask It" by Andy Stanley | Room 102 | Led by Jason & Allison Johnson

**PATHFINDERS** | God's Decree: What was God thinking? | Room 104 | Led by Brad Little

**CROSSROADS** | Dr. John Townsend's: "Hiding from Love" | Room 105 | Led by Todd Johnson and Steve Leeman

**CLASSICS** | OGC: ACTing Up! | Room 103 | Led by John Allen and Ron Powell

**ACTIVITIES:**

WEEKLY LIFE GROUPS [Ask a HoST for our Small Group Card or check our website: oakgrovechurch.org]

EMBRACE THE CHAOS | A Fierce Flourishing **1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS 9-10AM @ OGC**, Room 104

EXPERIENCE | AWANA, Life Groups, Childcare & Food Distribution **WEDNESDAYS 5:30-8PM @ OGC**

MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER **MONDAYS 6:30PM @ OGC**, Foyer

ALL-CHURCH ELDER LED PRAYER **4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:30PM @ OGC**, Oak grove Room

FOUNDATIONS EVENT | Gym Game Night **SUNDAY, FEB 28TH 4-8PM @ OGC**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FOUNDATIONS GYM GAME NIGHT** Sunday, February 28th 4:00pm – 8:00pm @ Oak Grove Church! We will be ordering supper, so bring money. Childcare will be provided by the Pathfinders ABF! Please let us know if you will need childcare so they can plan appropriately and please pack a dinner for your little ones. Contact Allison or Heidi for questions and RSVP!

**USHERS NEEDED** We are still in need of volunteers to serve our body as ushers. Let's help one another and be a blessing in serving one another in this way! If you believe you may be able to help serve, even periodically, please contact the office or Kay Leeman. Thank you for your consideration!

**LIFE GROUPS** 1st Quarter groups run from January 1st – March 31st. Check our Life Group and ABF Card to see which group you might consider joining. \*John Anderson's group (Friday's @ 6am) has started a new topic: "Minor Prophets: Demonstrating Bravery By Your Walk" \*\*Small Groups are now called "Life" Groups

**THANK YOU NOTE FROM LIFE LINE SCREENING** "On behalf of the staff at Life Line Screening, we would like to thank you for allowing us to come to your facility and for your help in bringing such an important service to the members of your community. We look forward to our next screening together. Sincerely, Sandi Peveler, Life Line Screening."

**If you would like to join one of our Life Groups, check our Life Group and ABF Card or our Website  
If you have additional questions please contact the Church Office**

www.oakgrovechurch.org | office@oakgrovechurch.org

**We exist to be a - Great Commandment [Matt. 22:37-40] Great Commission [Matt. 28:18-20] Church.  
How we will do this - By living in a loving relationship with God and others.**

It is a delight to have you worship with us today! Please fill out a Get Connected Card from the pew rack and put it in the offering plate to let us know how we may contact or help you.

**HOSPITALITY SERVICE TEAM [HOSTS]** Check with our HoSTs (wearing a badge) for any help with questions, or if you would like more information on specific ministries here at Oak Grove. These volunteers can help you navigate the building, connect with others, and suggest how you can get involved.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & TEA BAR** Join us in the Foundations Room before Service [9:00-9:25am] and before Bible Fellowship [10:30-10:55am] to enjoy coffee, tea and hot cocoa. This is a great time to fellowship and meet visitors! If you are visiting, ask one of our HoSTs for a punch card to redeem free beverages]

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** Available in the foyer. If you would benefit from an assistance device, speak to an usher or a HoST.

**OUR STAFF** Senior Pastor Brad Little | Associate Pastor Grant Willett | Administrative Assistant Caroline Holmes

**OUR ELDERS** Todd Johnson (toddwallacejohnson@gmail.com) | Don Weld Jr (donw@weldandsons.com)

### HELPING HANDS | THIS WEEK | FEB 7

#### OFFERING RECIEVERS

Paul L, Jordan L, Kay L, Steve L

#### HOSPITALITY SERVICE TEAM

Dorothy H, Dana K, Brent P

#### INFANT NURSERY

9:30AM \*Jill W, Grant W, Yvonne S

11:00AM \*Barb A, Tori A, Ashley M

#### TODDLER NURSERY

9:30AM \*Terri W, Vickie B

#### SECURITY

Paul Norby

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Distribution: **Sunday, Feb. 7th @ 12pm**

Help Needed: **Wednesday, Feb. 10, 12:30-2:30pm**

Distribution: **Wednesday, Feb. 10th @ 8pm**

### HELPING HANDS | NEXT WEEK | FEB 14

#### OFFERING RECIEVERS

Paul L, Jordan L, Kay L, Steve L

#### HOSPITALITY SERVICE TEAM

Steve L, Carl B, Kathy B

#### INFANT NURSERY

9:30AM \*Brenda D, Vickie B, Allison J

11:00AM \*Laura P, Heidi S, Dana K

#### TODDLER NURSERY

9:30AM \*Tim B, Cyndi B

#### SECURITY

Brad Bolsem

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Help Needed: **Saturday, Feb. 20th, 1:00-2:00pm**

Distribution: **Sunday, Feb. 21st @ 12pm in Gym**



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### BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Craig Madsen
- 7 Leanne Sheppard
- 9 Isaac Barden
- 9 Marty Gorse
- 9 Jason Klohs
- 10 Colleen Little
- 11 Britney Perzichilli
- 11 Rick Stulberg
- 13 Jerry Clark
- 13 Anna Enge

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Marvin & Audrey Green

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**25** But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need;

**26** because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

**27** For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.

**28** Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you.

**29** Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;

**30** because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

### CHALLENGE

What risks is God asking you to make for the sake of His kingdom?