

# JOY, IN SINCERE SERVICE

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30 // JORDAN COROS  
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*God calls me to serve sincerely, so I must be genuine (v.19-21), faithful (v.22-24), resolved (v.25-27a), and humble. (v.27b-30).*

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you consider your regular work to be a form of genuine service to others? Why or why not?
2. Why do you volunteer? What are some reasons people avoid or stop volunteering?
3. From Paul's perspective, Timothy was the only man he could send who would prioritize the Philippians' welfare above his own interests. How does Paul speak about the other people around him at the time (v. 21)? Which reputation would you prefer?
4. Given what you read in the text about Timothy's unique relationship with Paul, what thoughts or feelings would motivate Timothy to go and serve the Philippians? What ideas and emotions could have held him back?
5. Hebrews 12:2 says, "looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame." Who sets joy as the goal? How might a person experience joy in one of the following roles? (For specific opportunities to serve at Harvest visit: <https://www.harvestbarrie.ca/work-for-christ/>)

- Elder or Deacon in the Church
- Pastoral and Admin Staff
- Church Member
- Children's or Youth Ministry Worker
- Small Group Leader/Member
- Church Counsellor
- Volunteer Greeter
- Hospitality Volunteer

6. Do you think the joy in serving is related to pursuing the right position or the right attitude?  
How would you advise a believer who has a work or volunteer role they do not currently enjoy?
  
7. Which point of the sermon is most applicable to a situation you're in? What is God calling you to do to cooperate with him to further develop your genuineness, faithfulness, resolve, or humility?