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Philippians chapter 2 a portion this afternoon is verses 19 through 24, let us ask God for his help.

Oh Lord how we thank you? For the righteousness of Christ, which you have given us by faith. We thank you that you give us Christ himself to be ours by this faith that receives him. We pray Lord that you would help us also in living by faith in walking.

By faith. That your spirit would indeed produce in us that resting in and responding. To your word, that would be a shield. And so we pray that you would help us now as we come to your word that the speaking would be according to the scripture and that the hearing would be mixed with faith and so prophet us who believe so that in these Sabbath keepings that remain.

You would use your word as a means of bringing us at last to that rest. That you bring us to by means and part of these Lord's days. And so help us know in your word we ask in Jesus name amen. Philippians chapter two verses 19 through 24, these are God's words.

But our trust in the Lord Jesus. To send Timothy to you shortly. But also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own. Not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

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So far the reading of God's inspired and inherent word.

Lord willing. Many of us have learned from the scripture and it's a good thing to say Lord willing about the plans that we have made what we intend to do. The Apostle could easily have said verse 19 Lord willing I'll send Timothy to you shortly they're hoping that Timothy would be there they know his proven character as it says they had seen him minister alongside Paul in the church in Philippi and he could have said in verse 24 also Lord willing on myself will come shortly.

We would be accustomed to speech like that from the Bible well here's something to add to our vocabulary when we are planning and hoping to do that, which is according to the interests of Christ. I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly. I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

I trust in Jesus that I will see you on the Lord's day. Trust in Jesus that I will see you at the midweek meeting. I trust in Jesus to send my child over to your house to help you on Friday. I trust in Jesus to do the things of Jesus you see that is the key to biblical faith, it's not trusting in Jesus for him to do what I want it's trusting in Jesus.

For me to do what he wants it is that faith in the Lord Jesus to do what is according to the mind of Christ as he's been talking about in this entire chapter that was the master skill of Paul the the gospel worker that Timothy the son apprentice had learned under the master craftsman as it were and so when he when the apostle talks about the prove and character of Timothy as a son with his father, he talked.

About what perhaps some of you young men would like to do to learn side-by-side with your dad what your dad does and perhaps even to make a living like your father did with skills that were learned in a matter that was that was learned there are craftsmen and their sons in history who whether it's certain way of making furniture or building houses or some other sort of work you can look at the sun's work and say he.

Got that from his daddy. And so you can look at Timothy's service in the church and say he got that from Paul but you can look at both of their service in the church and say they got that from Jesus they had this mind in themselves which is in Christ Jesus, which was willing to suffer anything for the sake of the church the Lord Jesus, of course going to the cross but we not having a literal cross to bear still being conformed to him in his mindset in his.

Suffering even in order to serve the church well and someone we talk about trusting in Jesus as we've been learning about faith these many weeks and the Sabbath school lessons we talk about trusting in Jesus both for what Jesus himself has done apart from us and for what Jesus has said in his word that he plans to do in us our working out our own salvation is not so much our own in that we are the one.

Who designed it and we are the ones who determine it but it is our own and that Christ is the one who is giving it to us he is working in that

which we are working out and so. It is a grievous thing that we would be in an age in the church where there are so few who sincerely care for the state of the church but that's what true Christian faith looks like how many talk about victorious faith but they don't mean by that faithful attendance of the Lord's day assembly and thoughtful preparation for it so that we may all worship as well as possible together and meditation upon the word that was read and sung and pray.

Ed and preached and rejoicing it that feast that we had with one another at the table and going out not my own strength but the strength of Christ and not in the gladness that comes from accomplishing my will but the certainty that all of his will shall be accomplished and the everlasting covenant.

Very few when they talk about trusting in the Lord mean for the things of the Lord and this was something that Paul was glad to be able to say about Timothy there's no one so like-minded as he who will sincerely care for your state why because he doesn't seek his own but rather the things which are of Christ Jesus, we often talk about relating the first two tables of the law that no one really loves their neighbor as themselves unless.

They aren't a biblical way loving the Lord their God with all their heart soul mind and strength but the Lord Jesus has given us the new commandment which the Apostle John would later call that commandment which we had had from the beginning meaning the beginning of the New Testament church.

That we love one another as Christ has loved us so no one really obeys the second great commandment if there are not obeying the third great commandment if you will. He says Timothy Wilson sincerely care for your state because Timothy is not Timothy's he's Christ's and this is what Christ is doing.

Christ is gathering his church. Christ is strengthening his church and building his church and conforming them to his image so you know because of how Timothy and I were doing it together when we were with you that when I do get to send him that's what he's going to do he is going to pour himself out for the good and the gathering and the strengthening and the growth.

And the conformity of the church to Christ. You know has proven character and so I wonder are we living in such a way that we can honestly speak in such a way I trust in the Lord to do this it's a little bit more challenging isn't it to say it that way we could say a lot of things Lord willing Ferrari well God forbid that I would buy Ferrari but you can add Lord willing to hold a bunch of different kinds of statements about your plans.

It's a little bit different isn't it when you start to say I trust in the Lord to do this. Because you ought to trust in the Lord to do what the Lord wants you to do may the Lord conform us to his image so that those who speak of us to others will say, you know, they're proven character.

We don't we know a very few like them they don't care for their own interests, they will sincerely care for yours because they are seeking the things that are Christ's God grant that it would be so with us dear brother and let's pray. Oh Lord how we thank you that?

The will and the plan that got this all started was you in love predestining us to be conformed to the image of Christ and we praise you for not sparing your son but forgiving him for us we praise you Lord Jesus who our king of kings and Lord of lords that you have humbled yourself and died the death on the cross and that you are exalted to the right hand of Majesty where you sit even now perfecting us and we pray that you would continue working in us by your spirit that you would impress us.

Into your shape can form us to your image that you would make us to live trusting in you to make us to be like you and Lord grant that the work even would be evident. That others who have seen your masterwork in other believers would be able to recognize the same craftsmanship in what you have been doing in us we ask it even in your own name.

Lord Jesus amen.