

**DATE: Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8, 2020**

**SERIES: *LIVE: GRATEFULLY***

**SERMON: Be Grateful for Other People**

**SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:14-30**

[14] Do everything without grumbling or arguing,

[15] so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

[16] as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

[17] But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

[18] So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

[19] I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.

[20] I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.

[21] For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

[22] But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.

[23] I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me.

[24] And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

[25] But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.

[26] For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.

[27] Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

[28] Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.

[29] So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him,

[30] because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

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1. **Look for the best in others.**
  
2. **Emphasize the strengths of others and minimize their weaknesses.**
  
3. **Encourage the people around you.**
  
4. **Look for what others can do for the Kingdom of God.**
  - Emphasize gifts.
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# Lagniappe

As I write this today (Thursday), it is still not clear who the next president of the United States will be.

But, while we don't know who the president will be, we do know that he will need the prayers of God's people.

God's word is plain:

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*  
**1 Timothy 2:1-2**

How should we pray for the next president?

**First, we should pray for good decisions, just laws, and wise and kind administration.** This will allow us to “live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” It will also allow us to practice our faith and to make disciples for the Lord Jesus “*who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth*”  
**1 Timothy 2:4**

**Second, we should pray that there will be people in the administration who can speak the truth of God into the life of the president.** Vice President Pence has been that person in the present administration. We should pray that God would put Godly people in the future administration, which ever one that should be.

**Third, we should pray for wisdom for the president and all his advisers.** We live in a big country with many people and deep problems. We need the President to have wisdom and to make decisions from the wisdom of God.

**Finally, we should pray for evangelism in the halls of Congress and in the White House.** I encourage you to pray that a revival may come in America and that it may begin in Washington DC.

May God bless us in all these ways.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Barin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.