

## Reading Between the Names

### Philippians 2.5-11

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#### Introduction

- God uses ordinary people to accomplish his mission in the world and this passage give us insight into \_\_\_\_\_ God works with people so that they can succeed in doing and being all that God has called them to.

#### Main Points

1. God recognizes faithfulness
  - Tychicus
    - Acts 20.4; 2Timothy 4.12; Titus 3.12
    - He is faithful, reliable, and trustworthy - necessary for the day and age
  - Trust
    - “To be trusted is a greater compliment than being loved.” - George MacDonald
  - Matthew 25.14-30; Luke 12.48
2. God restores waywardness
  - Onesimus
    - Philemon’s runaway slave
    - Possibility of prosecution or some form of punishment
  - Forgiveness
    - Forgiveness is not an option for the Christian
  - Matthew 6.14-15; Matthew 18.21-35; Luke 7.36-50; 17.3-5; Colossians 3.13

#### 1. God reconciles brokenness

- Mark
  - Mark was a charter member of the Jerusalem church and a relative of some of its more important leaders (Acts 12:12).
  - After his compromised early career as a missionary (Acts 13:13; 15:37-39), Mark is clearly being renewed and reinstated, both as a worker for the gospel and as a companion of Paul.
- Grace
  - 3.24; Ephesians 2.4-10; Titus 2.11-12
- Paul describes his ministry as a ministry of reconciliation (2Corinthians 5.18)

#### Conclusion

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  - God restores the wayward
  - God reconciles the broken