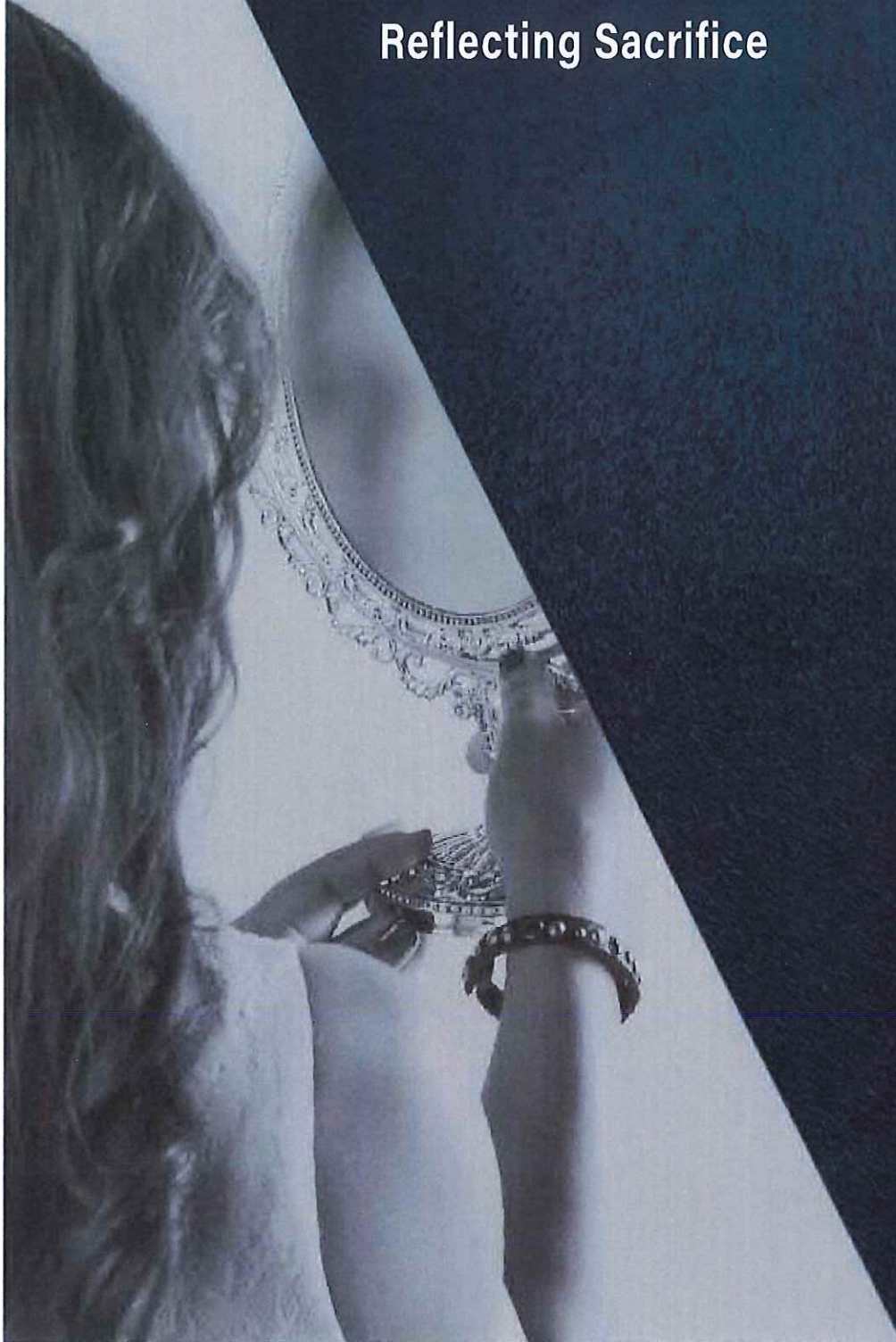


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Philippians 2:25-30

**"There are three basic areas where Christian co-workers are needed today. 'We need Christian thinkers, co-laborers in the area of social needs, and in the area of evangelism!'"**

**James Montgomery Boice**

WHAT WERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED?

- A. What was the **background**?
- B. What was Paul's **response**?

WHAT WERE THE CHARACTER TRAITS PRESENTED?

- A. Epaphroditus was a **balanced** Christian.
  - 1. He was described as a **brother**.
    - a. He was NOT a **family** member.
    - b. He WAS a **family** member through Christ.
  - 2. He was described as a fellow **worker**.
  - 3. He was described as fellow **soldier**.

**"You cannot build with a sword or battle with a trowel!  
It takes both to get the Lord's work accomplished!"**

**Warren Wiersbe**

- B. Epaphroditus was a **burdened** Christian.
1. He was **concerned** about Paul.

**“The problem in churches is that we have too many spectators and not enough participants.”**

**Unknown**

2. He was concerned about his **church**.
3. He was concerned to **carry** his message.

- C. Epaphroditus was an **honored** Christian.
1. He was a **blessing**.
  2. He was to be **blessed**.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

**“Epaphroditus...was a ‘brother’, a ‘fellow worker’, a ‘fellow soldier’, a ‘messenger’, a ‘minister’- that’s all!”**

**Kent Hughes**