

“Together As a Family”
Text: Philippians 2:19-30 (p. 952)

As we wrap things up this morning, let me make three observations here. **Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus are...**

1. United In _____.
vs 19 – “I hope in the Lord Jesus...”
2. United In _____.
vs 25 – “...Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier...”
3. United As _____!
Timothy – “son”
Epaphroditus – “brother”

And now we come back around to where we started this message: hugging family and church family. I believe that Paul probably hugged them both before he sent them off. They were his family, and he loved them.

I still think that hugs have a place in our church, do you? In fact, family therapist **Virginia Satir** once said, “We need four hugs a day for survival. We need 8 hugs a day for maintenance. We need 12 hugs a day for growth.”

Here’s to a growing church!



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