

“Brotherhood”

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Sermon Series: Ephesians: Identity & Responsibility Main Passage: Ephesians 6:21-24

I began my sermon this morning talking about a particular battle during WW2. What was the name of the battle? _____

- While surrounded, what was General McAuliffe’s one word reply to the Germans calling for his surrender? _____

- According to the soldiers, what was the primary reason they never gave up?

- It is not good for man to be **alone**. We were created for fellowship with God and others.

1) The **Team** (vs.21-22)

- Paul entrusted this letter and much more to a man by the name of **Tychicus**.

- Tychicus is mentioned **five** times in the New Testament.

- I will give you several things Tychicus did, what is most impressive to you?

- The Apostle **Paul** included personal notes in almost all of his letters, making it clear that he cared and had relationships with the churches to whom he wrote.

a) What relationship(s) do you cherish the most in Church?

- In our text, what two specific tasks did Paul assign Tychicus?

a) **Knowledge**

b) **Comfort**

- It is **impossible** to be all Christ desires for us to be apart from being active in a local body of believers. (ref: Hebrews 10:24-25)

2) The **Benediction** (vs.23-24)

- What four specific things did Paul pray for his audience to have in his benediction?

a) **Peace**

b) **Faith**

c) **Grace**

d) **Love**

In closing,

- I quoted 2 Timothy 4:9-12 where Paul mentioned how **Demas** loved the world but Tychicus clearly loved Christ and the Church.

- **George** Eliot, “..for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.”

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