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## Philippians 2:27-28

<sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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.

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## Philippians 2:4 (NIV1984)

**4** Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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## Characteristics...

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# Today's 3 Questions:

1. What do I look for in someone to faithfully partner with me?
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3. "Surprise Question"

Here's a chart to help.

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Proved Himself/Herself

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Emotionally Connected

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Characteristics	Jesus
Genuine Interest in Others	
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