



Romans 16:1-16

**The greatest sermons are often
lived, not preached**



I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; ² that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.

³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; ⁵ also greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia. ⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. **9** Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. **10** Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. **11** Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. **12** Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord. **13** Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine. **14** Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them. **15** Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. **16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

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The Power of Relationships in Ministry

- Faithful in Service
- Fearless in Mission
- Focused on Perseverance





Phoebe: Faithful in Service

- Sister (Family in Christ)
- Servant (Faithful service)
- Helper (Financial supporter)



Phoebe's Impact

- **Paul publicly honors her**
- **Likely carried and explained Romans letter**
- **Women played key roles in early church**

Prisca & Aquila

Daring, Dedicated, Disciple Makers

- **Daring:** Risked lives for Paul
- **Dedicated:** Opened their home for church
- **Disciple Makers:** Mentored Apollos

Andronicus & Junia Fearless in Mission

- Imprisoned for Christ
- Suffering for the Gospel = True faith
- Outstanding among apostles

Others Who Stood Firm Fearless in Mission:

- Apelles: 'Approved in Christ' (Tested, proven)
- How do we become approved in Christ? By going through trials, enduring hardships and staying faithful

Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis Focused on Perseverance

- Hard workers in the Lord
- Long-term, steady faithfulness
- Faithfulness = Showing up consistently



The greatest impact we make isn't in
one big moment—it's in a lifetime of
small, faithful choices.

Rufus & His Mother

The Power of Spiritual Family

- Choice man in the Lord
- Paul calls her 'his mother' – Spiritual care
- Possibly the son of Simon of Cyrene (Mark 15:21)

Every Name Matters

Faith shows in relationships

Legacy lasts

Who Has Shaped Your Faith?

- Who taught you how to pray?
- Who showed you what faithful service looks like?
- Who encouraged you when you wanted to give up?
- How can you be that person for someone else?



Live a Legacy of Faith

- Serve with love
- Persevere through challenges
- Leave a lasting impact