#### 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; <sup>2</sup> 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.

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

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

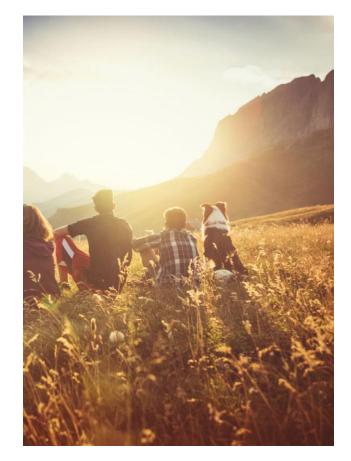
#### **Every Name Matters**

#### 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