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Philippians 2:19-30

The Chilkoot Trail is a rugged 35-mile hike over mountains that lead to the gold fields of the Klondike. While the original stampeders had to bring 2,000 pounds of supplies, today people hike that trail for pleasure.

Over the years, my wife has hiked that trail 11 times, 10 of those in the company of others, but one time she hiked it alone. Of all her hikes, the one she did alone was the least enjoyable. There is something about being on a journey with others that we miss when we are alone. We have support when the burden gets heavy. We have encouragement when the feet get sore. We have help if we run into a difficult situation. We can look out for one another.

In Philippians 2:19-30 we find Paul focused on the needs of his friends. He is concerned about them and their well-being. It is natural to look out for our own interests. We do that so easily. But as "members of one body" (Ephesians 4:25), we are encouraged to follow Jesus' example and find ways to show others that they don't need to travel alone.

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