

LIVE IN GOSPEL PEACE

Philippians 4:2-9

Work together in _____ (vs 2-3)

_____ to God constantly. (vs 4-7)

_____ Christ consistently. (vs 8-9)

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Open: What makes living in harmony with others difficult?

Read: Philippians 4:2-9

1. What do you think Paul means in verse 2 when he entreats these two women to “agree in the Lord?” Why would Paul include the note of their partnership in laboring for the Gospel (v. 3)? How does this exhortation fit with Paul’s hopes in Philippians 1:27?
2. In your personal experience, what kinds of conflict have you seen divide believers from one another? Share, if you are able, about a time when harmony was restored between two believers. From your understanding, what factors helped enable that restoration?
3. In verse 3, Paul makes a request of his “true companion” to help these women restore their relationship. How can we help restore others who are experiencing conflict? Why might some shy away from such opportunities?
4. Verse 4 twice calls us to rejoice. Given the situation in Philippi, why would this command have been especially relevant to the Philippians? How do you express your joy in the Lord?
5. What does Paul mean when he says that we should let our “reasonableness be known” (v. 5)? (*Perhaps consult other translations of this verse.*) How does prayer move us from anxiousness to peace? If you were teaching another disciple how to pray, how would you explain the content that Paul is encouraging the Philippians to include in their prayers?
6. What are examples of things that would fit into the various categories Paul is encouraging us to fill our minds with in verse 8? How does the subject of our thoughts steer our affections and eventually our actions?
7. Whose Christian example are you trying to emulate? Paul tells the Philippians to copy what they have learned, received, heard, and seen in him. Who might you be able to influence as Paul did?

Apply: What in this concluding section of Paul’s thoughts seems most important for you to apply to your life?

Pray: Ask God to fill us with His peace and enable us to be messengers of peace to those who need it.

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