



LifeBridge
BAPTIST CHURCH

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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Twenty-Three • Philippians 4:1-3

Resolving Conflict in the Church

The Mark of a Stable Church

A church that stands firm in the Lord is diligently devoted to maintaining UNITY within the local body of Christ.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. Philippians 4:1

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. Philippians 4:2-3

How to Resolve Personal Conflict in the Church

1. Acknowledge the REALITY of Personal Conflict in the Church!

Problem in the Philippian Church

There was a DISAGREEMENT between two women perhaps due to a personal wrong, personality clash, or different priorities.

Two Women in Conflict

Their names are EUODIA and SYNTYCHE.

They are sisters in Christ whose names are in the book of life and servants of Christ who labored side by side with Paul in the Gospel.

Two Observations

- Disagreements are INEVITABLE in the church, even among mature Christians.
- Disagreements between a few can cause DIVISION among many in the church.

2. Accept the RESOLUTION of Personal Conflict in the Church!

Two Exhortations

- To those in conflict: AGREE in the Lord.
- To those in the church: HELP people reconcile.

Reason for Resolving Conflict

By God's grace our names are written in the book of life and this BINDS us together for eternity.

Therefore, may we be a church that stands firm in the Lord by agreeing in the Lord.

Two Questions

- 1) Am I in conflict with anyone at LifeBridge?
- 2) Am I willing to help people reconcile at LifeBridge?