



Studies in Philippians: Bearing the Mark of Joy

Enjoying Christ and Each Other
Philippians 4:1-5

Sermon Proposition

Jesus Is Lord of Your Life and Relationships.

Jesus Is Lord! Stand Firm!

4:1

Jesus Is Lord! Be of the Same Mind

4:2-3

Jesus Is Lord! Rejoice Always!

4:4-5

Open It!

Thanksgiving is approaching. Families will be gathering. What's the most memorable (cherished or craziest) Thanksgiving you've experienced?

Read It!

Philippians 4:1-5

Consider It!

Why does Paul consider the Philippians his joy and crown? Whom do you consider to be your joy and crown? Why?

What does Paul mean when he calls the Philippians "to stand firm in the Lord" (4:1)?

- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- 1 Corinthians 16:13
- Philippians 1:27-28a
- Colossians 4:12
- Ephesians 6:10-11
- 2 Thessalonians 2:15

What helps individual believers to stand firm? Which of these passages speaks to your need?

What in the letter of Philippians should help Euodia and Syntyche to be of the same mind (4:2)?

- 1:27
- 2:2
- 2:5
- 3:13-14
- 3:19

Why do you think Paul is so concerned about their relationship (4:3)?

What should be our response to disagreements among believers in our church family? What do you learn from this text about being a peacemaker?

What does Paul command us to do (4:4-5)?

If we were more thankful, joyful, and gentle, how might it affect relationships in our church family?

Live It!

Understand the Gospel

- Read and Study the Book of Romans
Kent Hughes, Romans: Righteousness from Heaven
- Read and Study the EFCA Statement of Faith
Evangelical Convictions: A Theological Exposition of the EFCA SOF
- Read LEAD: 12 Gospel Principles for Leadership in the Church by Paul David Tripp

Help a Brother or Sister in Conflict

PRAY!

Heavenly Father, I give thanks for your saving work in our lives. Continue to work in us, giving us the desire to obey and the power to do what is pleasing to you. Forgive us for harming the reputation of Christ by our complaining and argumentative spirit. Cleanse us so that we may live as your children in the midst of a crooked and depraved generation. May our obedience to the word of life be steadfast, may

our joyful and gentle spirit be evident to all—a daily light in our dark world. In anticipation of the Day of Christ, Amen.