



*March 12 - 13 Sermon | Philippians 4:1-3*

### **UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY**

In this week's DG, we again learned some facts about the Christian life and about how we ought to treat our Christian brothers and sisters.

1. Read Php. 4:1-3
  - a. How does Paul talk about his fellow Christians in this passage?
  - b. What sort of actions does Paul encourage and exhort among the Philippian believers?

### **CONNECT TO HIS STORY**

2. Read Php. 1:27-30
  - a. What sort of things are necessary aspects of the Christian life?
  - b. According to this passage, what is the motivation for faithful living?
3. Read 1 Jn. 3:9-10
  - a. What is the key evidence(s) of genuine faith in this passage?

- b. In this passage, what sort of things must Christians avoid?

### **APPLY TO OUR STORY**

The lesson in Php. 4:1-3 is that we need to keep Christian life simple, by standing in the gospel and standing together with our Christian brothers and sisters.

- 4. We all need to stand firm in the gospel, which Paul had described earlier in the letter to the Philippians:
  - a. When you share the gospel, what information do you need to include?
  - b. When you share the gospel, what information do you find hard to include?
  - c. What is your experience with telling others the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- 5. Euodia and Syntyche (v.2) had a sharp disagreement, and too often we experience the same sort of thing in our families and churches.
  - a. Think back on a recent disagreement you experienced:
    - i. How did the disagreement start?
    - ii. How was the disagreement resolved?
    - iii. How were you and the other person reconciled (i.e., how were you able to “agree in the Lord?”)?
  - b. Christians *must* reconcile and be united with one another, so are there any people you need to be reconciled with right now?
    - i. What is one thing you could do this week to mend this broken relationship?

**PRAYER** Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

*Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?*

*Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?*

*Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?*