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Getting Along Matters

Philippians 4:2-3



I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.



Philippians 4:2



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**This same language is
used in chapter 2. v 1-2**

Quite simply Paul wants these two woman who he cares about equally to get along one with another in the church.

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Look Back @

Philippians 2:1-2



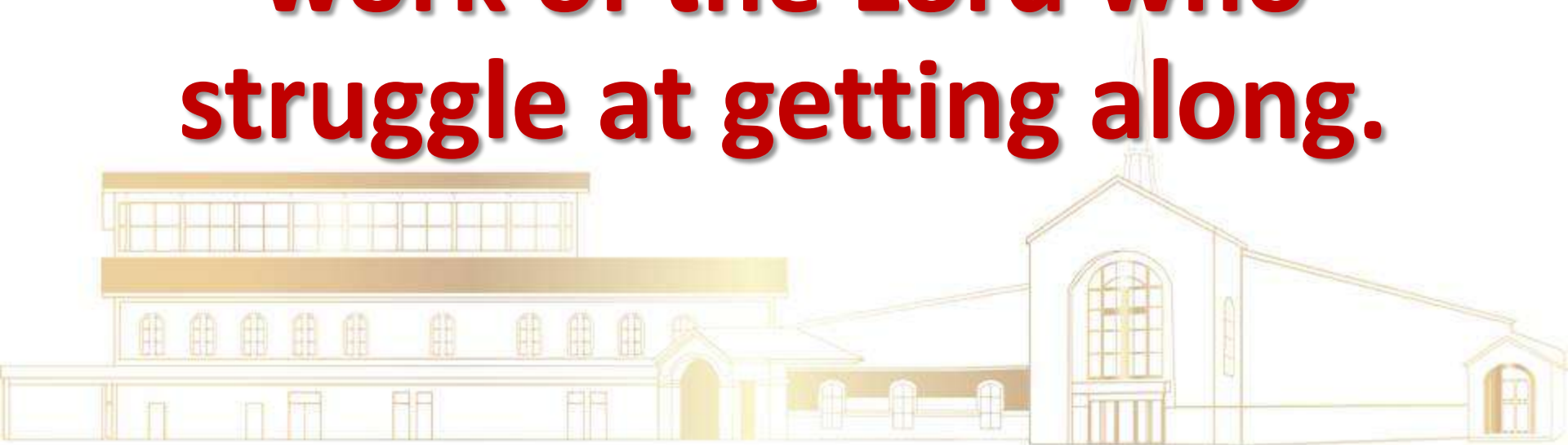
Philippians 2:1-2

- So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,² complete my joy **by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.**



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**The church is full of both
men and women who are
equally valuable to the
work of the Lord who
struggle at getting along.**



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**What are the
reasons people
don't get along in
the church?**



Reasons People Don't Get Along

- Personality Conflict
- Different ways of interpreting the Scripture
- Disagreements about priorities
- Offence



**How big
of a deal
is this?**



This a big enough issue that Paul publically addressed two individuals by name and directed a third party to get involved to facilitate reconciliation in a letter to the church. Imagine me admonishing two ladies in the Sunday bulletin note by name.



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Listen to Paul's Admonishment in 1 Corinthians 1:10



1 Corinthians 1:10 (NET)

- I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree together,
- to end your divisions,
- and to be united by the same mind and purpose.



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**Husbands and
wives get divorced
because they can't
get along.**



**So how do we
get along?**

**How can we
be reconciled?**



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#1

**Place the need for unity
above your needs.**

**Unity matters says
Christ!**



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Turn Back To

John 17 v. 20ff



**What does
John 17
contain?**



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The High Priestly Prayer of Christ Jesus Our Lord



“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.



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To be One
Is to be Unified
NOT Divided!



**Our Unity is a
Witness to the
World of the
Validity of
Christ.**



Psalm 133:1



- Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!

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#2

**Whenever possible
simply overlook
offenses.**

TTOs are no big deal!





Proverbs 19:11

- The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

ESV

- Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Ask:

**Is this
something I
can
overlook?**



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#3

**Take ownership of your
part of the conflict.**



Matthew 7:3-5



- Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

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#4

**Seek forgiveness and
forgive!**



James 5:16 (ESV)



- **Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.**
- **The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.**

Matthew 6:12 (ESV)



We pray:

- and forgive us our debts,
- as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Acts 7:60



- And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Who was this?



Review

- 1) Unity matters; it is a witness**
- 2) Overlook TTOs** (Typical Tiny Offenses)
- 3) Take ownership of your sin**
- 4) Seek Forgiveness and Forgive**

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#5

**Seek to understand the other
person's perspective
MORE.**

This means we listen.





James 1:19

- Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be
- swift to hear,
- slow to speak,
- slow to wrath:



10 Steps to Effective Listening

Step 1: Face the speaker and maintain eye contact.

Step 2: Be attentive, but relaxed.

Step 3: Keep an open mind.

Step 4: Listen to the words and try to picture what the speaker is saying.

Step 5: Don't interrupt and don't impose your "solutions."



10 Steps to Effective Listening

Step 6: Wait for the speaker to pause to ask clarifying questions.

Step 7: Ask questions only to ensure understanding.

Step 8: Try to feel what the speaker is feeling.

Step 9: Give the speaker regular feedback.

Step 10: Pay attention to what *isn't* said—to nonverbal cues.

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#6

**Carefully analyze if
compromise is possible.**



**Is this something
the Bible speaks to
directly?**



Compromise

**to come to agreement by
mutual concession**

Merriam-Webster



EVERY HILL YOU FACE IS
NOT WORTH DYING ON

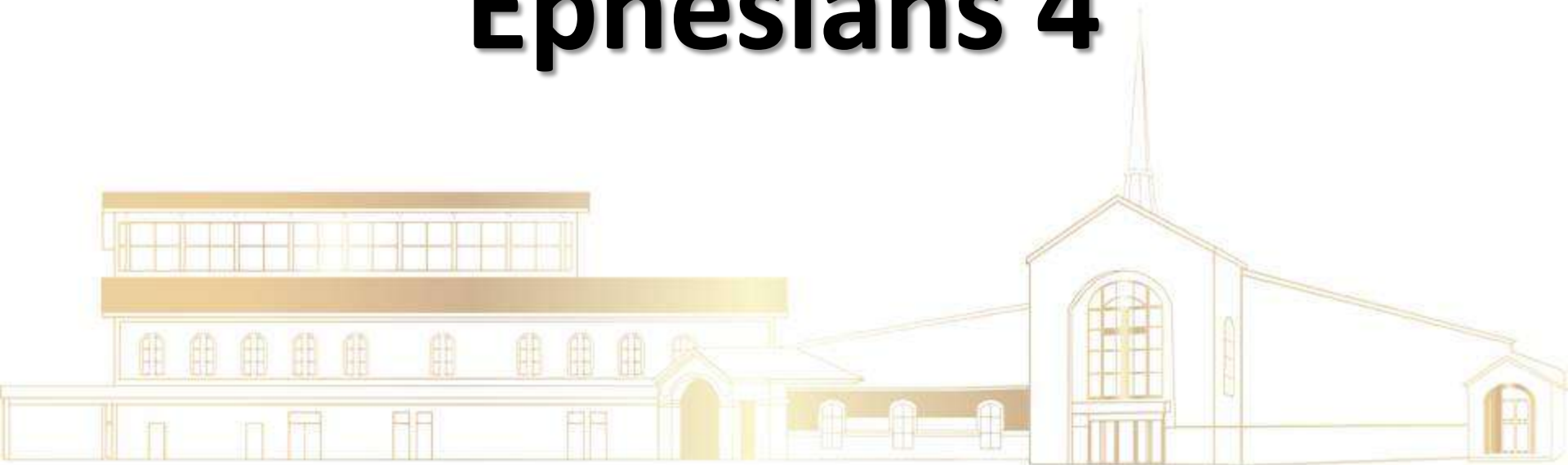


Is this an essential to the Christian Faith?



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**Paul seems to give us
such a list in
Ephesians 4**



Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV)



- There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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#7

**Strive not to think too highly
of yourself.**

Say: “I could be wrong.”



Romans 12:3



- For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment,

Ask:

**Am I displaying a
spirit of
arrogance or
humility?**



Philippians 2:5-7 (NET)



- You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature.



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- 6) Determine if compromise is possible**
- 7) Crush arrogance; be humble**

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#8

Ask:

**Is this an area where we can
agree to disagree?**



Romans 14:5-6 (ESV)



- One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

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#9

**Permit or ask for a third
party to help bring unity.**





Philippians 4:3

- And I intreat thee also,
- true yokefellow,
- help those women which laboured with me in the gospel,

**No one has any idea who the
'true yokefellow' was.**

**But they obviously
knew who he was.**



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#10

**Strive to manifest the fruit of
the Spirit with the other
person.**



Fruit of the Spirit

#1 Self-control

#2 Patience

#3 Kindness

#4 Love (Respect)

#5 Gentleness

Galatians
5:22-23





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- 6) Determine if compromise is possible**
- 7) Crush arrogance; be humble**
- 8) Determine if you can just agree to disagree**
- 9) Allow a third party to help bring unity**
- 10) Strive to manifest the Fruit of the Spirit in the conflict**

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Notice Paul's Emphasis Upon Laboring in the Word of the Gospel.



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**How do
we labor
in the
Gospel?**

