

**Review:** Living our Faith – Follow Paul’s and other Godly examples of believers.  
Subtle undertone of division and feuding occurring.  
The roots of this are in two people whom we will examine today.

**Verse 1 Joy Filled Standing**

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**Therefore:** Refers back to end of chapter 3.

**Love GK:** Noun form of Agape love

**Long for GK:** Yearning affection. Very potent and intense. **Phil 1:8**

- Person you don’t often see. Person you REALLY enjoy spending time with!
- Something you always wanted but do not often receive.

**Joy GK:** “a state of joy”

- Philippians bring ongoing JOY to Paul!
- Puppy love results in a “state of joy” for the individual that’s temporary

**What believers bring joy into our lives when we think about them?**

How does a believer generate joy in another believer’s life?

- One needs to know that person for them to bring them joy.
- Involved in their lives potentially both personally and spiritually.

Although there is lots of disunity and little feuds in the church, Paul really desires to see Philippians! He **loves** them in spite of their behavior!

**I Cor 13:4-8a Read** Don’t do any Greek. (keep no record of wrongs)

**Crown GK:** Not a kingly crown, but one given to a victor in a competitive game!

(Wuest) This garland was woven of oak leaves, ivy, myrtle, olive, or of flowers, violets or roses.

**Stand firm GK:** Continue in a state of standing for

*Present Imperative Active*

Refers back to the View from the last less in the end of Phil 3:15.

Also following Paul’s example. Continue in that path living up to the level that you have already reached!

- **D**istract, **D**iscourage, **D**ivide, **D**estroy..... Tools of the **D**EVIL! He likes to play us against each other!
- Stay united in love following Paul’s example!

**Verse 2 Euodia & Syntyche Feud!!**

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**Euodia** means “**prosperous journey**” She is a woman who has “arrived” in society’s eyes. She was wise and new all the ins and outs of living.

**Syntyche** means “**pleasant acquaintance**, happy chance, good luck.” The verb form of her name means “to meet with” She was on the Welcome Wagon committee! Always talking with everybody!

**Plead GK:** (used with **both** women) Very **strong word**.

“Ask for something very earnestly.” “Advisement Component included”

Present Indicative

**Agree GK:** (Zodhiates) involves the will, affections, and conscience. “Includes Harmony”

Present Infinitive Active

Reflect upon who we know in our lives whom we have an ongoing unresolved issue?  
How does that issue affect the relationship?

**Verse 3** **Paul Goes All out to Resolve!!**

**And GK:** translation of word which assumes the granting of the request just made, & pursues the matter further.

**Ask GK:** (Vincent) the petitioner is on a footing of equality or familiarity with the person whom he requests

**Loyal Yokefellow/true companion GK:** Closely linked or connected with someone. EX: Marriage partners

This is a **REAL** person!

**The two Women:**

**Contended/struggled GK:** (Lowu) toil together with someone in a struggle, encountering opposition in efforts

**Help GK:** not individual help but collective help.

Present Imperative

**Verse 4** Joyousness!!!

Rejoice (2x) GK: “a state of happiness and well being” (Lowu)

Present Imperative

Happiness is a choice!

**Say** GK Future Tense Keep my words ringing in your ears and mind day after day!

**Verse 5** Sweet Reasonableness!

**Let:** implies allowing something to happen.

**Gentleness** GK: “sweet reasonableness” IE: lenient, yielding, unassertive

**Evident** GK: “to possess information about”

Aorist Imperative **Passive**

• Allow Jesus to work on and through you to remove bitterness and other unity breakers from your being.  
**AMP:** Let all men know *and* perceive *and* recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The Lord is near [He is coming soon].

**Application for us?**

Focus on the other person not self-gain or preservation.

**Verse 6** Dealing with Life’s Anxieties!

**Anxious** GK: “a distracting care” Something that is gnawing at your insides! **Mat 6:25, 33**

Present Imperative **Active**

(Wuest) Greek construction indicates that we have a prohibition which forbids the **continuance** of an **action** *already habitually going* on. Philippians were constantly worrying.

Maybe the two women effect on church causing anxiety. What’s going to happen to the ministry? Betty-Larry!

**Anything.** GK: Literally: “not even one thing.” Need to replace something removed with something good!

**Everything** All facets of your life

**Prayer** GK: as an act of worship and devotion. **Revolution Song** by Kari Jobi always lifts my spirits!!

**Petition**/supplication GK: “specific needed items” mentioned in an urgency.

**Thanksgiving** GK: to express gratitude for blessings received already.

## Present requests to God

### Present Imperative

#### Verse 7

**Peace of God** GK: “a set of favorable circumstances”

**Transcends** GK: Superior to, overflowing,

Present Active Participle Not just occasionally overflowing, but overflow all the time!

**Understanding** GK: faculty of reasoning, thinking, understanding

**Guard** GK: (Wuest) “shall mount guard.” Military Term.

- God’s peace, like a sentinel, mounts guard and patrols before the heart’s door, keeping worry out.

Next week we look at how we build on that Peace that Jesus brings into our lives!

#### Applications for Us

##### 1. **Anxieties? What’s been weighing you down?**

- a. Do Phil 4:6
- b. Lay the concerns on his lap. He can handle it.
- c. Then praise him and thank him for what he’s already done.
- d. Peace that transcends all understanding will guard your heart and mind.
- e. McGee: “Worry about nothing; pray about everything.” Instead, follow command of V4: Rejoice!

##### 2. **How evident is Sweet Gentleness in your life?**

- a. Is there somebody who is less than sweet towards you?
- b. How can you react in that situation?
- c. ?

##### 3. **Who is a literal crown in your life?**

- a. Someone you invested yourself into spiritually?
- b. ?

#### Notes: