Distressing Conflict

Philippians 4:2-9

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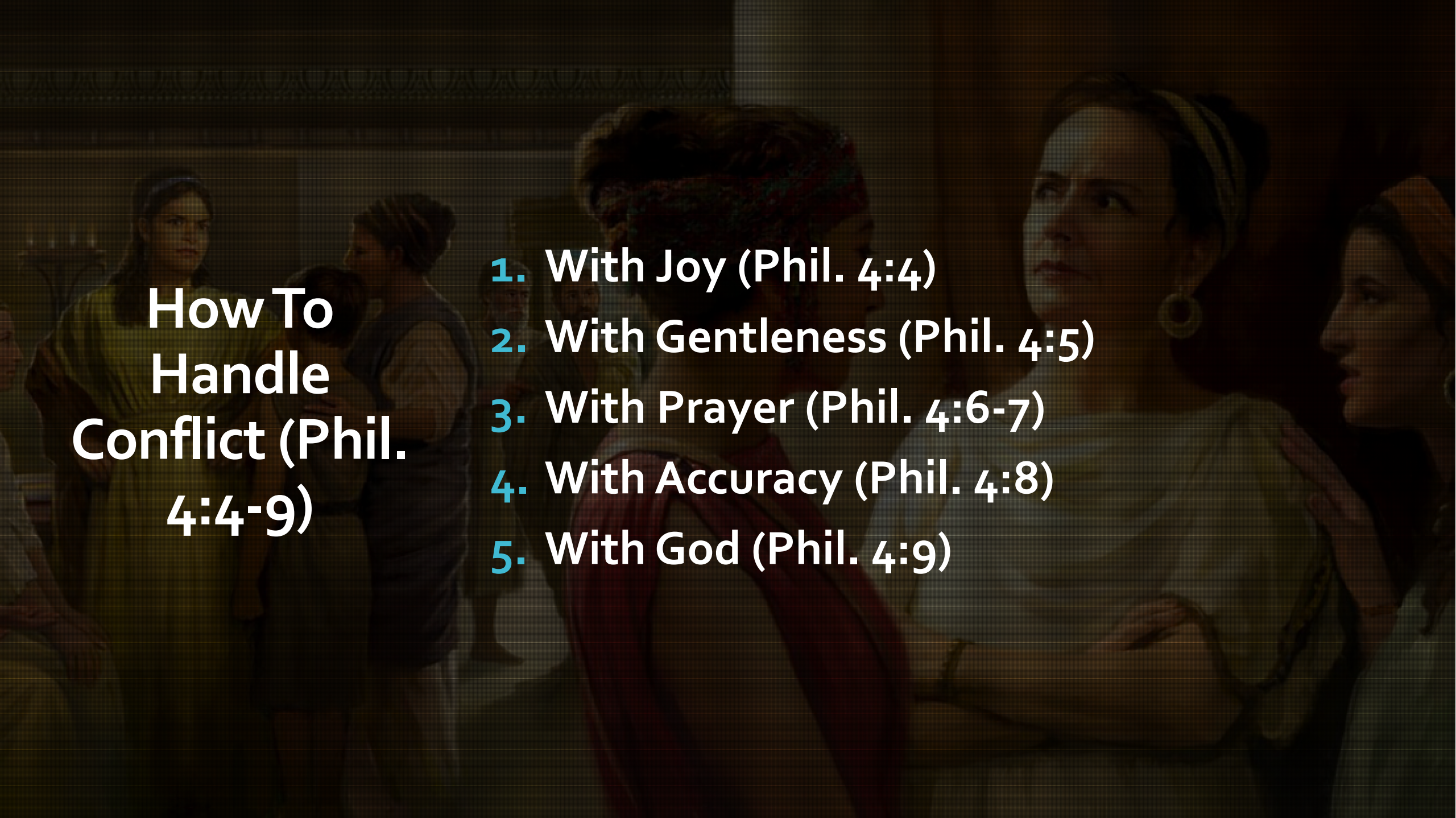
The Conflict (Phil. 4:2)

- Two ladies in the church at Philippi are in some sort of **argument** and Paul is essentially calling them out!
- Get this…for those who are "in the Lord", we can either choose to **fence off** our conflict with love or we can choose to **feed** our conflict with hatred and pride.

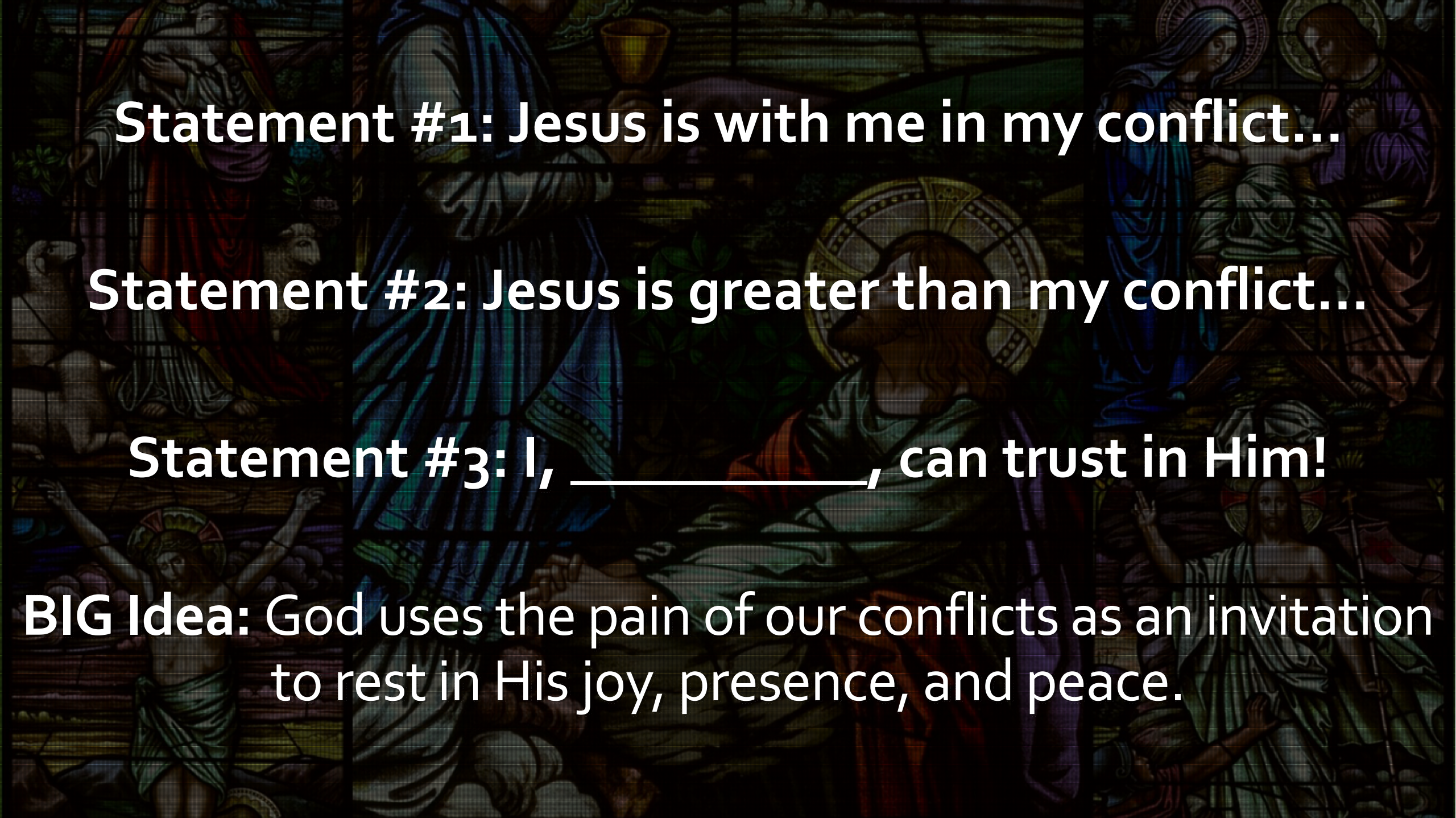
What's At Stake (Phil. 4:3)

- **The Unity of the Church…**
  - How you treat people out there in the Monday-Saturday of your life has the possibility of either STRENGTHENING our unity here or DAMAGING our unity here.
- **The Beauty of the Gospel…**
  - Your actions/reactions in life can never diminish the POWER of the Gospel, but it can certainly put a garbage bag over the BEAUTY of the Gospel.



How To Handle Conflict (Phil. 4:4-9)

1. With Joy (Phil. 4:4)
2. With Gentleness (Phil. 4:5)
3. With Prayer (Phil. 4:6-7)
4. With Accuracy (Phil. 4:8)
5. With God (Phil. 4:9)



Statement #1: Jesus is with me in my conflict…

Statement #2: Jesus is greater than my conflict…

Statement #3: I, _____, can trust in Him!

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