



August 13, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell
Philippians 4:1-9 | “Peace by Peace”

Sermon Application Review from Phil 3:17–21

Who did you seek to imitate this past week? Who imitated you (3:17)?
How did you anticipate the Savior’s return (3:20–21)?

Scripture References

Philippians 4:1–9
1 Thess 2:19–20
Psalm 133:1–3
1 Peter 3:8–9
Matthew 6:25–34
1 Thessalonians 5:16–18
Isaiah 26:3–4

Study Questions

1. In what specific ways do you verbally express love and appreciation for other believers (4:1)? How are you encouraged by the spiritual growth of others? Which of your disciples are your joy and crown?
2. What has been your most difficult interpersonal church conflict (4:2–3)? What would you do differently when (not *if*) a conflict happens again? How can you know when to overlook an offense and when to confront it?
3. How have you learned to “rejoice in the Lord” during various conflicts (4:4)? Would the people you are prone to have conflict with consider you a gentle person (4:5a)? Why or why not? What relationships in your life need a calmer and kinder touch? Can you think of someone who displays gentleness? In what way has this person influenced or affected you? What small habit can you begin, resume, or strengthen this week to help you experience God’s abiding presence? In what way does the promise of Christ’s return help you with difficult circumstances and people?
4. How has your prayer life been strengthened in times of conflict (4:6)? In what ways can you be thankful for the person with whom you are in conflict? How has the Lord brought peace to you amidst conflict (4:7)?
5. How have you grown in the characteristics of 4:8 during conflict? Which characteristic do you struggle the most to “dwell on”? How can you practice this characteristic (4:9)?

Recommended Reading

Robert J. Morgan, *Worry Less, Live More: God’s Prescription for a Better Life* (Thomas Nelson, 2017)
Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart* (NavPress, 1998)
W. Bingham Hunter, *The God Who Hears* (InterVarsity, 1986)
Jamie Rasmussen *How Joyful People Think: 8 Ways of Thinking That Lead to a Better Life* (Baker, 2018)