



June 11, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell
Philippians 2:1-4 | "THE United Way"

Sermon Application Review from Phil 1:27–30

In what way did you unite with the body of Christ this past week?
How did you share the good news of Jesus?
How did you embrace suffering as a gift of grace?

Scripture References

Philippians 2:1–4
Colossians 3:12–17
Romans 12:9–13, 16
Romans 15:1–6
Galatians 5:22–26
Galatians 6:1–10
Ephesians 4:1–3

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced the spiritual provisions God has given you (2:1)? Which is the most meaningful to you? Which do you struggle to understand and experience? How will you daily live out your Christian life with gratitude to God for His gracious gifts?
2. How do you apply and employ God's provisions in your relationships with other believers (2:2)? In what ways do you love your Christian brothers and sisters with Christ's unconditional love? How do you exude Christian unity at CBC? Where have you hindered unity? How do you model unity among other believers at your work, school, neighborhood, and community? In what sense should your joy (2:2a) be dependent upon the behavior of others?
3. It's been said, "Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to what happens." How do you react when another believer treats you poorly? How do you "believe the best" about this person and give him/her the benefit of the doubt? How can you learn to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry (James 1:19)?
4. What have been some of the most notable causes for disunity among fellow believers (2:3)? Are any of these things true in your life now? When do you sense that you are the most selfish? How can you cultivate selflessness amid stress, busyness, and weariness? When do you most struggle with pride? Who can help hold you accountable to elevate others?
5. How can you look to others' interests instead of your own (2:4)? What can you do in the next two months to intentionally promote unity at CBC and the church of the Eastside? How large is the circle of your prayers? Outside of your family, who is on your prayer list? Do you pray for more than just your family and yourself? Who from CBC can you begin to diligently pray for?

Recommended Reading

Jerry Bridges, *The Blessing of Humility* (NavPress, 2016)
Tony Evans, *Stronger Together, Weaker Apart: Powerful Prayers to Unite Us in Love* (Harvest House, 2020)