

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Joyful Unity

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Philippians 4:1-3 (NLT) “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work. ² Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. ³ And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.”

Philippians 3:20 (NLT) “But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Saviour.”

- **Unity is worth fighting for.**

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- **Reconciling believers is mission critical.**

Philippians 2:5 (NLT) “...in your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus”

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- **Joyful unity is possible because God first reconciled us to Himself.**

Hebrews 12:2 (NLT) “For the joy set before him he endured the cross”

Big Idea: Because Christ reconciled us to God, we urgently pursue reconciliation with one another.

- 1) Remember what Jesus has done for you.**

- 2) Lean on the Holy Spirit.**

Romans 8:11 (NLT) “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.”

- 3) Take the first step.**



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Context

1. Why is the context of Philippians 3:20 critical for how we view Paul's plea for unity between Euodia and Syntyche?
2. The church in Philippi was a body of believers trying to spread the Gospel and be a light for Christ in their culture. What parallels do you see between the Philippian church and Sequoia here today?

Observation

3. In verse 2, Paul uses the phrase "settle your disagreement". This is the same Greek word he used in Philippians 2:2 and 2:5 when discussing relationships. How should this inform how we view this plea for unity?
4. In verse 3, Paul reminds the church these two women "worked hard" in spreading the Gospel. Why does Paul see this as relevant when pleading for these women to reconcile?

Meaning

5. In verse 1, Paul calls on the church to stand firm before addressing the conflict. What does "stay true to the Lord" mean in the context of interpersonal issues within the church?
6. In verse 2, Paul says "Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement". What does it mean to belong to the Lord? Why does Paul see this as an important element in the context of church unity?

Application

7. What would it practically look like to remember what Christ has done for you, and your common Heavenly citizenship, when dealing with conflict within the church?
8. What would "taking the first step" practically be when dealing with interpersonal tension within the church? How could you take initiative to pursue reconciliation and regain mission focus?



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