

# PHILIPPIANS

The Key to Joy (Hint: Jesus)



Philippians 4:2-9



Drive out a scoffer and strife will go out,  
and quarreling and abuse will cease.

King Solomon, Proverbs 22:10







# I. THE PROBLEM

A. What we *don't* know:

1. Who these women were
2. What the problem was





# I. THE PROBLEM

B. What we *do* know:

1. They were significant people
2. They were seasoned servants
3. Their fallout was serious



## II. THE PRESCRIPTION

### A. For the Church:

1. Don't ignore the rift
2. Point out each one's responsibility to reconcile
3. Urge humility in Christ
4. Use a mediator if necessary



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B. For the alienated parties:

1. Find joy in the big picture





Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the Lord.  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:17-28



## II. THE PRESCRIPTION

### B. For the alienated parties:

1. Find joy in the big picture
2. Don't defend rights – extend grace to everyone
3. Use worry as a motivation to pray
4. Choose to focus on good things everywhere
5. Practice imitating those who model peace



### III. THE PROMISE

A. You'll experience the peace of God guarding you

B. You'll experience the presence of God in your midst



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