

# An Uncommon Approach to the Common Life

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.*

*—Philippians 4:1 (ESV)*

**Standing firm in Christ requires an UNCOMMON approach to the COMMON life.**

**An uncommon approach in our...**

1. CONFLICT

*I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.*

*—Philippians 4:2 (ESV)*

a. REMEMBER your COMMON ground in Christ

*Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.*

*—Philippians 4:3 (ESV)*

b. Help OTHERS SEE their common ground in Christ

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.*

*—Philippians 4:4 (ESV)*

c. DELIGHT in the Lord

*Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.*

—Philippians 4:5 (ESV)

d. Don't let your emotions LEAD

## 2. WORRY

*The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 4:5a-7 (ESV)

a. Trust God to handle your CONCERNS or they will handle YOU.

b. RELEASE your concerns to God and

c. RECEIVE His peace

## 3. THINKING

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

—Philippians 4:8 (ESV)

A. Whatever you dwell ON is what you will dwell IN.

B. Dwell on things that inspire Christ-like ATTITUDES and ACTIONS.

## 4. GROWTH

*What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

—Philippians 4:9 (ESV)

**FIND and FOLLOW followers of Jesus**