



UNSHAKABLE JOY

CONFLICT AND MINDSET OF CHRIST

“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!” Philippians 4:1

1. Stay humble (Have the mindset Jesus had)

“I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.” Philippians 4:3-4

Relationships simply expose what’s in our hearts.

“Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen?” James 4:1

“They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves.” James 4:2

Ultimately, wanting control leads to conflict.

Desire → Demand → Need → Expectation → Disappointment → Punishment

“You wouldn’t think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you’d be asking for what you have no right to. You’re spoiled children, each wanting your own way.” James 4:3-4

“You’re cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way. And do you suppose God doesn’t care? The proverb has it that “he’s a fiercely jealous lover.” And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you’ll find. It’s common knowledge that “God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble.” James 4:2-6

Mindset of Jesus = he gave up his rights to His Father’s will

Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather,

he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled
himself
by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:2-8

2. Who or What we worship determines how we respond to conflict.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.” Philippians 4:4-5

Live in peace with each other... Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:13;16-18

“...Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?” 1Corinthians 6:7

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