

Walking by the Spirit—Part 1
Philippians 4:1-9 (cf. Gal. 5:19, 22-23)

I. _____ **(v. 1a)**

- a. **beloved = agapētos** (ἀγαπητός) = “beloved, dear friend, loved one” (cf. Matt. 3:17; Eph. 6:2)
 - i. **Eros** (ἔρως) = romantic or physical love
 - ii. **Storge** (στοργή) = familial love like a mother for her baby (cf. 1 Tim. 3:3; Rom. 1:31)
 - iii. **Philia** (φιλία) = Friendship or brotherly love (cf. James 4:4; Rom. 12:10; 1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1)
 - iv. **Agape** (ἀγάπη) = God’s unconditional love (cf. John 13:34-35)
- b. There were tangible reasons for Paul’s love for the Philippians, but they were his **joy and crown** because of **the affection of Christ Jesus** (cf. Phil. 1:7-8; 4:15)

II. _____ **(v. 1b)**

- a. Philippi had a large military presence and therefore probably understood very well what it meant to **stand firm** (cf. Eph. 6:10-15; Phil. 1:3-6)
- b. Standing firm is NOT about your personal will power, it’s about the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit

III. _____ **(v. 2)**

- a. Women played a vital role in the founding and growth of the Macedonian churches (cf. Acts 16-17)
- b. But Paul called these women out for their disharmony (cf. Phil. 2:1-5)
- c. **to live in harmony in the Lord** is the same as “**to be of the same mind**” (τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν) (Eph. 4:3; cf. Col. 3:14)
 - i. In other words, the closer we follow Christ, the more we will think and act like Him, and the more we will be in harmony because we are of the same mind.