



JOY TRANSCENDENT

20: DEALING WITH CONFLICT

Philippians 4:1-4, *Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 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. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.*

1. THESE WOMEN WERE

Philippians 4:2-3, *I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche... whose names are in the book of life.*

2. THEY DID

Philippians 4:3, *...help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel...*

3. THEY HAD A

Philippians 4:2, *I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche...*

★ Relational conflict can happen even to the best of Christians and in the best of churches.

4. THE ISSUE WAS

Philippians 4:2, *I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche...*

★ This conflict was apparently about a non-essential or disputable matter, not an essential doctrine.

5. THEIR CONFLICT

John 17:22-23, *The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

6. THEY NEEDED

Philippians 4:3, *Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women...*

1 Corinthians 1:10, *I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.*

Philippians 4:3, *Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women...*

★ Jesus was our MEDIATOR and now Paul is calling believers to the role of mediator, when necessary.

John 13:35, *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

7. THE SOLUTION IS

Philippians 4:2, *I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.*

John 15:12, *This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.*

Romans 15:7, *Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.*

Ephesians 4:32, *Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

Colossians 3:13, *bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.*

Romans 14:19, *So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.*

Ephesians 4:2, *with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love.*

Philippians 4:4, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.*