

REJOYCE

MESSAGE NOTES

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Rejoicing Through Conflict

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Philippians 4:1-9

How should we navigate relational conflict within the church?

The Problem – a family in relational crisis. (v.1)

1. This is worse than a disagreement. (v.2-3)

Philippians 1:27

2. Their conduct is not worthy of the gospel.

Relational conflict in the church is a major issue that must be addressed quickly.

The Solution/Process – help each other.

1. Help people who are in conflict to keep their focus on the Lord.
 - a. Carry on (v.4)
 - b. Keep calm (v.5a)

Philippians 2:2-5

How? Remember that the Lord is near. (v.5b)

2. Help people who are in conflict to rely upon the Lord to bring peace. (v.6-7)

Memory Verses

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

- a. This biblical truth applies to every situation that causes anxiety. (v.6)
- b. Prayer is more than asking. (v.6)

Psalms 56:1-4

- c. The peace of God will keep you secure. (v.7)

3. Help people who are in conflict to dwell on something else. (v.7)

The Promise – the peace of God and the God of peace. (v.7,9)

Philippians 2:28

Now What?

When facing relational conflict within the church we should help each other to keep our focus on the Lord and rely upon him to provide peace.

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Home Groups meet throughout the area to live as family, to encourage one another, and to pray and praise God. You belong here - see our website to connect in a group.

Share It

How does conflict in your family or close friends affect you?

Learn from the Bible

Read Philippians 4:1-9

How does the author express affection for the recipients? (1)

What problem is revealed? Who all is enlisted to help? (2-9) What are the reasons and reminders of why this is so important?

Overview the entire process of resolution. How are they to live in Christ? (2-9)

How is "gentleness" (not insisting on my way) connected with how people experience Christian joy in the Lord? (4-5) How is it connected with mission?

What are the many good results of putting these things "into practice?" (2-9)

Discuss Together

Why do you think Paul chose to call out these two people in a letter to be read to the whole church? How might this affect them? the church?

What does Paul say to do when there is unresolved conflict that affects God's family? How is the Lord (Christ Jesus) in the center of it all?

Why is solving conflict within the church so important? How does the solution center on Jesus and the character of God?

Pray Together

- For the Light and Power team
- For Micah House ministry in the neighborhoods
- For us to know the peace of God at Trinity

Memory Verse for this Week

Philippians 4:6-7