

Working Out The Outworkings

Phil 4:1-7



Background: Right Thinking leads to Right Living. Having addressed our mindset last week, Paul doesn't stop there, for there must be an outworking of this Right Thinking. And so this week, we'll see Paul explore some of the daily choices of our Right Living. What happens when we disagree? How about when life makes us anxious? And what does it look like to stand firm?

Sermon Text: Phil 4:1-7

I. Stand Firm

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

II. Agree in the Lord

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ 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.

III. The Choice To Rejoice

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
- b. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- c. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

2. Sermon questions (pick 3)

- a. What good news did you hear from the service Sunday?
- b. Practically speaking, how do you stand firm? What specific things do you do that helps you stand firm?
- c. Paul tries to get Euodia and Syntyche to reconcile. In other places, Paul shares that Jesus' followers have been given the ministry of reconciliation. Can you share a story where you were courageous in working for reconciliation?
- d. Have you ever sought out people with different opinions? If so, how did it go? If not, would you be willing to try this?
- e. What are you anxious for at the beginning of 2021? "Rejoice is a choice." What are you rejoicing in at the beginning of 2021?