



## A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of March 21, 2021

### Agree in the Lord

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Philippians 4:2-5](#)

<sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

*For Further Discussion....*

- What kind of **church issue does Paul address** in these verses?
- Think about a **conflict you have endured** in the church. What would it mean to “**agree in the Lord**”? (2)
- Let’s look at the resources Paul uses to promote peace between Euodia and Syntyche, two leaders in the Philippian church. Paul “**entreats**” each woman (2); a word that literally means “comes alongside”. **What does it look like to come alongside someone?**
- This same word (*paraclete*) is used to describe **the Holy Spirit and His ministry** as Helper and Counselor. **How does that shed light on how Paul views His ministry** to Euodia & Syntyche?
- Paul assigns a **mediator**, “true companion help these women” (3). What does Paul’s **purpose for this mediator**?
- **Jesus serves as our Mediator** who has God’s glory & His disciples good in mind. **How does that shed light on how Paul views the ministry of this “true companion”?**

- Paul reminds Euodia & Syntyche **that they have a number of reasons** to pursue reconciliation (3):
  - They are on **same team** (“*labored side by side with me*”)
  - They proclaim the **same message** (“*in the gospel*”)
  - They share the **same destiny** (“*whose names are in the book of life*”)

How might **naming what Euodia & Syntyche share** promote reconciliation?

- Paul encourages the church to give its energy to **rejoicing** (4) & being “**reasonable**” (5). “Reasonableness” carries the sense of being “gentle” or “gracious”. Have you ever been in a **conflict that gave way to joy & gentleness**? What **needed to happen** to get to that place? What **keeps you from being reconciled** to others in the church?
- Paul concludes today’s passage with the declaration that “**the Lord is at hand**” (5). How does our expectation that **Jesus is soon returning encourage repentance & peacemaking** in the church?
- **Pray together** in light of this week’s passage.

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