STAND FAST IN THE LORD

Philippians 4:1-5

I. My <u>Brethren</u> – vs. 1a

Adelphós – believers understood as one's own <u>siblings</u> in God's family.

Matthew 12:49

Agapētós - beloved, esteemed, dear, favorite, worthy of love

Philippians 1:3-9

Epipothetos – longed for, greatly desired

Philippians 1:8

2 Corinthians 5:1-2

1 Peter 2:2

Chará - the <u>cause</u> or occasion of joy; of <u>persons</u> who are one's joy.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

Stéphanos – wreath; prize; accomplishment

1 Corinthians 9:25

1 Corinthians 9:2

II. Stand Fast In The Lord – vs. 1b

Stēkō - to stand firm, to persevere, to persist

1 Corinthians 16:13

Galatians 5:1

2 Thessalonians 2:15

Ephesians 6:10

Psalm 46:1

III. Be Of The Same Mind In The Lord – vs. 2

 $Parakal\acute{e}\bar{o}$ – to <u>urge</u>, to exhort, to encourage, to beseech, to <u>plead</u>

Autos Phronéō - to be of the same mind i.e. agreed together, cherish the same views, be harmonious.

Philippians 1:27

Philippians 2:2

1 Corinthians 1:10

Romans 15:5-6

IV. It's A Team Effort – vs. 3

Gnésios Sýzygos – true, or genuine. Yokefellow, fellow worker

Syllambánō - to <u>seize</u>, take one as prisoner; to take hold together with one, to <u>assist</u>, help, to succor

Hebrews 10:24-25

Ephesians 4:31-32

1 Corinthians 6:4-5

Luke 17:3

V. Rejoice! -vs. 4

Philippians 3:1

Luke 10:20

Romans 5:1-5, 11

1 Thessalonians 5:16

VI. Show Off Your Christ-likeness – vs. 5a

Epieikės – sweet <u>reasonableness</u>, forbearance, graciousness

1 Timothy 3:3

VII. The Lord Is Near – vs. 5b

Psalm 23

Matthew 28:19-20

Closing Thought: Beloved, we are to stand firm in the Lord, as we press on toward perfection, as we live to spread the Gospel. In order to do that, we need to not be disagreeing with one another, the church settling our internal disagreements. We are to continually be rejoicing, letting the world see our graciousness, remembering that Jesus is with us always. Amen!