

Standing Together (Philippians 4:1-3) Part II

- Paul prepares to close his letter. 4:1 “Therefore” groups key gospel truths
- Paul’s ch 1-3: lays a certain foundation & gives specific motivations
- Commands in ch 4 clarify what it means to follow Paul following Jesus
 - 1) Resting in God’s grace already received (3:2–11)
 - 2) Pressing on toward God’s grace to be consummated when our Savior appears from heaven: site of our true citizenship (3:12–21).
 - 3) His council to them: sufferings, joy, gentleness, prayer etc. (4:4-10)
- He must address delicate pastoral matter: danger & misunderstanding
- Paul sets 3 commands before them: practical outworking of 1st three ch.

I. Stand Fast in the Lord (4:1)

Stand Firm: “looks back & then forward” context- looking forward

Source of our strength, stand firm “In the Lord.”

II. Be of the Same Mind in the Lord (Agree in the Lord) (4:2)

- a) He calls sisters in Christ by name: “Euodia, I entreat; Syntyche, I entreat”
- b) He calls them both to “agree in the Lord” – consider Christ’s presence

III. Help These Women...In the Gospel...In the Book of Life (4:3)

- Paul appeals to one among them: true companion/genuine yokefellow
- Paul’s petition is simple: help Euodia & Syntyche to have the same mind
- Delicate connection with 3:2 Judaizers error 3:18 (Proverbs 17:15)
- Leader, help women: “**yoke with**” pulling with Paul like oxen in tandem
- They contended “with Paul” as fellow soldiers “striving side by side”
- Motivation: “**Whose name is in the Book of life**” see (3:20)