

Minds Set Together on the Gospel (Phil. 4:1-3)

I. Stand Together on the Gospel (1) (notice the plurals)

A. Stand in Love with one another

1. Paul considered them brothers
2. Paul considered them friends
3. Paul considered them a ministry
 - a. A Joy – he loved them
 - b. A Crown – He served them

B. Stand in the Lord with one another

1. Faith in Christ alone
2. “in this way”
 - a. Points to the previous section
 - b. Striving for what’s ahead (together)
 - c. Forgetting what is behind
emphasis on together
3. Individually and Corporately (2)
 - a. Euodia and Syntyche – two women
 - b. Both are said to be faithful fellow workers
 - c. Perhaps they strove separately

II. Contend Together for the Gospel (3)

A. Paul commands help for those who contend

1. Singular masc. – anyone and everyone
2. Come to their aid – “stand along side”

B. Paul Remembers the work of those who contend

1. They fought at my side
2. For the gospel
3. They were his fellow workers
4. Their names are recorded in the book of life
 - i. Hint that all believer should be this way
 - ii. They didn’t fight and serve cause they were better
 - not called different
 - not more able
 - because they are saved