

WHEN WE DON'T GET ALONG

Philippians 4.1-9

A CHURCH OF PROBLEMS

Relational conflict is unavoidable. The best marriages, families, friendships, and churches will have conflict. Most times, we will sweep it under the rug, keep it on the down low, keep it private, spin it to be something else, or minimize it. But there is a better way. In the Philippian church, two women - women who loved Jesus, the Gospel, and were ministers with Paul - were not getting along. Before we look at Paul's counsel to them, first we will look at what brings about conflict in the first place.

THE PROGRESSION OF CONFLICT

James 4.1-3

James tells us that we quarrel because of what is inside of us, not because of what is outside of us, like other people. We have passions that are at war inside of us, and the goal of war is control. When someone or something stands in the way of what we crave (our idols), then our idolatry lashes out in sin (quarrels).

**The heart controls everything we do and say.
Therefore, lasting change must take place through the
pathway of the heart.**

How Desire Takes Control

1. **Desire:** "I want." Nothing wrong yet.
2. **Demand:** "I must." The desire is no longer an expression of love for God and man, but something I crave for myself.
3. **Need:** "I will." Something desirable is now seen as essential. I'm convinced that I can't live without it.
4. **Expectation:** "You should." This is where my relationships begin to be affected. If I believe I have a need, I expect others to make it happen if they really love me.
5. **Disappointment:** "You didn't!" Here the anger breaks out and becomes personal. You are standing in the way of what rules my heart.
6. **Punishment:** "Because you didn't, I will.." I respond to you in anger (silent treatment, hurtful words, vengeance, etc.)

Hebrews 3.12, 13

Paul tells the church to take part in helping these women. Church, it is your responsibility to help those around you. Learn more about **IBCD** equipping, schedule one on one **Fight Clubs** with friends, commit to a **Community Group**.

FOCUS ON THE GOOD

Paul tells us that our main goal for ourselves, and to help others, is to keep our minds focused on what is good. When conflict happens, focus in on the positive aspects, focus on the Lord's work, and most importantly, focus on Jesus Himself. Pray for those you are in conflict with.

You may not know the solution to the conflict, but you know the One who does. If you are in conflict, focus in on Christ and trust Him in the conflict. If you are helping someone else, point them to the One who is ultimately able to be their shelter and peace.

NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Philippians 4.10-13: Next week will be looking at contentment, how to live with little or much, but still be filled with joy. We'll see that God is the one who provides strength for us to live, regardless of our circumstances.

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 6:68-69

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Philippians 4:1-9**. What stood out to you in these verses and/or from the message on Sunday? _____

Read **Mark 7:21-23** and **James 4:8**. Where does sin originate? What must we do to create lasting change as opposed to temporary change? _____

Pastor Jobey said that when our heart is filled with sinful desires, feelings, or is focused on ourselves, it will harden itself and steer from God toward the desires of our hearts. Can you relate to this or recall a specific circumstance where this played out? What does this reveal about the condition of your heart? _____

Read **Hebrews 3:12-13** and **James 5:16**. What specific tool has God given us to deal with our struggles, conflict, sin, etc.? _____

In light of the previous question and **Hebrews 3:13**, how are you currently "exhorting," or encouraging, your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? If you're not, where might be a good place to start? _____

Read **Ephesians 4:1-3**. We all have room for growth whether we consider ourselves to be encouragers or not. As individuals within the church body, we have a need to grow as friends and counselors. Recently, there has been a lot of discussion regarding opportunities to further equip our congregation in the area of counseling via **IBCD Equipping** (talk to your leaders if you have never heard of **IBCD**). Have you considered participating in this equipping opportunity? If yes, what is the driving force behind this desire? If not, what is holding you back? _____

On Sunday, Pastor Jobey stated that human struggles are not issues of pain and suffering, but rather are issues of worship. What we worship will dictate how we respond to pain and suffering. Read **Philippians 4:8-9**. How do you respond to pain and suffering? Do you meditate on the things that are worthy of praise as Paul encourages or is your vision skewed by the situation at hand? How does your response to sin, suffering, and conflict reflect what you worship? _____

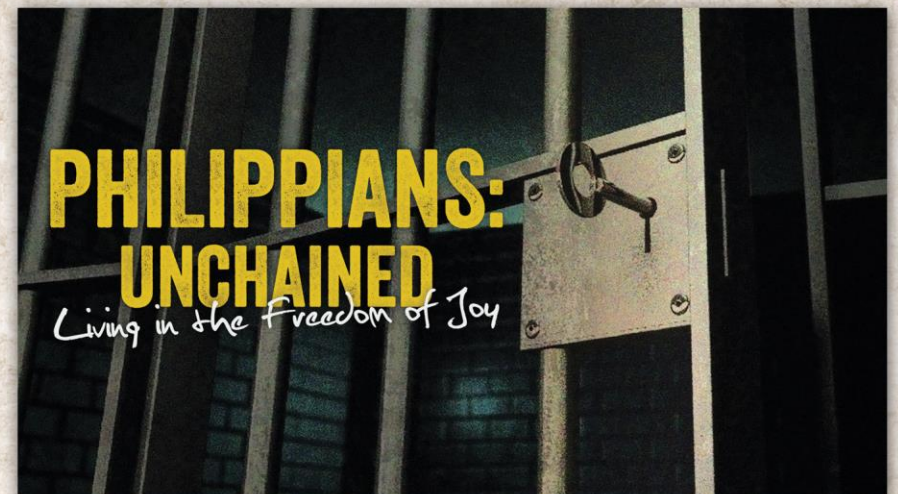
Close your time sharing and confessing the conflict you battle. Focus primarily on the heart you bring to the table in that conflict, and ask for prayer. Pray for one another as you seek humility and open eyes to see blind spots and sin.



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