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**Today's Scripture Passage:** Philippians 4:1-9 Page 832 Pew Bible

1 Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends! 2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

## **Questions for Reflection & Discussion**

1. What does Paul request of Euodia and Syntyche? Why is it so important?
2. Why does he refer to the one he wants to assist these women as a "loyal yokefellow"? What does that suggest?
3. What is "the book of life"? Where else is it mentioned?
4. What does the phrase "in the Lord" mean? Why is it so important in vss 2 and 4?
5. What do you think Paul means when he says "the Lord is near"? (v.5)
6. What does the 'peace of God' do for us?
7. Is Paul addressing the issue of personal peace, peace in the church or both and why?

## **Prayers**

- Formation of the Pastoral Search Team
- The election process in our country

## **Bible Challenge**

- Like an ancient scribe, write this scripture word for word.
- On your electronic device, download "The Bible" app by Life Church. Go to Philippians and click the audio button at the top right to listen to the book of Philippians all the way through. How does God speak to you through this?
- Rewrite the passage as if writing to your Christian friends.
- Read the passage in several translations. What do you notice?

**• Memorize the series' verse: Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.**

- All done? Try reading/studying the passage for next week: Philippians 4:10-23