

Living Courageously

25-Day Devotional on Philippians

WEEK 4

DAY 20

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 19 with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 4:2-3 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- Has there ever been a Euodia or a Syntyche in your life? What efforts have you made to bring about peace, without trying to control people or needing to be right?
- What other sorts of stressors have you experienced, even when walking close to Jesus? (Keep John 16:33 in mind)
- What does it look like to you to *labor side by side* with other followers of Jesus? (V. 3)

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction. Here are some more questions to consider:

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

DIGGING DEEPER (Optional)

- We don't know the details of the disagreement between Euodia and Syntyche, two wonderful godly women and leaders in the Philippians church. But the real focus here is on repairing and building unity. Putting yourself in the shoes of Paul's true companion (or yokefellow) (V. 3), how would you advise or encourage followers of Jesus to reconcile and strive for unity?
- How would you incorporate the following verses in the process of coming alongside others, who are in dispute? (See Galatians 6:1; Hebrews 3:13; James 4:17)
- In what ways can the advice you came up with lead non-Christians, who are in dispute to see the Love of Jesus in you and hear the Gospel message in some fashion?
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?