

***FIGHT FOR PEACE***  
***Jesus Wants Me to Fight for Relational Peace***

Philippians, #17

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**Text:** Philippians 4:2–3; Selected Passages

**Truth Points:** What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. Read Philippians 4:1–9 to yourself and then out loud. What stands out to you in verses 2–3?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why would Euodia and Syntyche be pointed out in the church? Was the writer being mean to them? Could this or should this ever happen today? Also, consider 1 Timothy 1:20 and 3 John 9.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What were Euodia and Syntyche to do? What was “True Comrade” to do? How can he do this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why is conflict inevitable in this life? What has God provided to help us in conflict?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Consider each of these seven helps and think about illustrations of them in real life.
  - Hear the Story (Proverbs 18:17)
  - Look at the Fruit (Matthew 7:15–20)
  - Find the Root (James 4:1–3)
  - Discern the Issue (Romans 14:16–19)
  - Consider the Roles (Proverbs 17:1)
  - Apply Wisdom (Proverbs 3:17)
  - Seek the Path of Peace (Romans 12:18)

**Reflection Points:** How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. How has conflict impacted my life (past or present)? How is the Holy Spirit moving in me to seek peace? Do I need help? Who has God provided to help me? What is my next step?
2. Do I fight for peace, or do I just fight? How would I know?
3. Is there a conflict in my circle of influence that God has called me to help find a path to peace? What should I do next?
4. I can never have peace with others until I have peace with God. How do I have peace with God? Consider Romans 5:1–8.

**Action Points:** What am I going to do this week because of this truth?

1. **Read** Philippians 4:1–9 every day. With a pen in hand, make notes in the margin as you read, think, and pray over it.
2. **Ask** the Holy Spirit to help you live at peace with others. Ask Him to not let you rest with a spirit of contempt and conflict. As He reveals the tensions, act quickly to bring peace.
3. **Reflect** on the list of seven elements to help in conflict. Watch and see how many of them are applied and ignored throughout the week around you. Consider the outcomes in real life. Be ready to help others find more peace with God and others.
4. **Share** with someone what you are learning about following Jesus and living at peace.