**Text**: Philippians 4:2-3

**Topic**: Conflict Resolution

**Date**: August 23rd 2020

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**When You Disagree**

“A biblical approach to resolving conflict.”

**Text**: **Philippians 4:2-3**, “I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. **3**Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. **English Standard Version**

*When you disagree*…

**Point #1**: **Commit** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.2**

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**Point #2**: **Enlist** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.3a**

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**Point #3**: **Look** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.3b**

**Corollary Verses**: Ephesians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Romans 12:18; and Philippians 2:5-8.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) **Read 1 Corinthians 1:10 and Philippians 1:27**. You will be hard pressed to get two people to agree upon politics or religion. This is clearly seen within modern evangelical Christianity and its numerous denominations. These differing denominations exist because of the difficulty to get two people to agree on doctrine (teaching). Yet, the Bible tells us repeatedly to agree with one another. In what ways can you work harder to come to an agreement with others within the church?

2.) **Read Matthew 18:15-20**. Jesus lists three steps that you are called to take when you have been offended and wounded by someone else. The second and third step requires getting other people involved. Write down why you think is it important to get other people involved?

3.) **Read Ephesians 4:31**. In this verse, Paul describes the progression of conflict. It usually begins with bitterness (resentment or a grudge). It starts off slow and insignificant but left unaddressed it grows and eventually manifests itself as wrath. Wrath is a lashing out at the person you are resentful towards. Then anger sets in and slanderous words are spoken and the conflict intensifies until unity is all but destroyed. Using Scripture, describe how conflict can be resolved before irreversible damage is done.

4.) **Read Matthew 5:9 and James 3:18**. If you see a friend become embittered towards a brother or sister within the body of Christ, what should you do according to Matthew 5:9 and James 3:18? What does that look like?

**5.) Read Philippians 4:1**. What phrases does Paul use to address the church at Philippi? What kind of emotion(s) is (are) expressed by these phrases? How does this affect his approach as a peacemaker?