

## Philippians 4:2-9

### Let the peace of the gospel be evident in your lives

*(The People's Bible, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, pages 85-94)*

#### Look

- Verse 2      *“Euodia and . . . Syntyche”*—They were two prominent women in the congregation who became involved in a dispute. We are not told what that dispute was.
- Verse 7      *“The peace of God, which transcends all understanding.”* The fullness of God's grace and the peace that results from that grace cannot be grasped by the mind but must be revealed by the Holy Spirit. (See Ephesians 3:16-19.)

#### Discuss

1. How did Paul propose that Euodia and Syntyche be reconciled? Paul here gives us a pattern of Christian encouragement.
2. The Lord is near. That's why Paul encouraged the Philippians to put on certain virtues and act in certain ways. List the things Christians should do in light of the fact that the Lord is near.
3. What did Paul encourage the Philippians to think about? Why?

#### Apply

4. Agree or disagree: Members of the church will never disagree with one another. Why?
5. What is God's solution to disagreements among Christians?

*Paul encouraged the church to help two women in the congregation not to argue but to work together in service to the Lord. He encouraged the whole congregation to rest in the Lord and live in a spirit of prayer as they went about their day-to-day lives.*