

FABC Bible Study
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
“It Won’t Happen Without Prayer”

Philippians 4:6-7

4 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

2 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.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; **6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned[e] and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

In this letter, Paul is writing from _____ to the church at _____—one of the churches he established.

The Philippian church is the church that entered into _____ with Paul when he left _____ at the beginning of his ministry.

The letter follows the pattern of _____, _____, and _____.

Paul shares that his imprisonment is for _____.

He states that his imprisonment has increased the _____ and _____ of his brothers to speak the word without _____.

Philippians 2:6-11 is referred to as the _____

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Paul encourages the church to serve each other with a

_____ is an example of one who serves others

He calls the names of two church leaders, _____ and

He encourages them to agree in the _____

Which means the outcome is not about either one of them.

The outcome, the direction, the decisions are based on _____ and

Paul is not “calling out” the ladies to embarrass them, but rather Paul is reminding the leaders and the church that leaders are not exempt from following Christ. Leadership brings _____

A leader has influence and through words and actions can

_____ the church from one mind, one body, one Spirit

Let our names NOT be associated with _____ in the church,

and for that matter— _____ and _____ in

any space in which we live and function.

As a church body, let us always be ready to help _____
the wounds in our church family. This requires _____
_____ in the body

While Paul encouraged them not to be anxious, he did not instruct them to
stop _____.

All work is not of the Lord. We can work for good or we can work for
_____.

Paul warns that even in the church family, we have members who can be
_____ and or members who have a
_____ view of Christianity, rather than the free grace
offered by Jesus.

Paul does not address any specific anxiety. Rather he just reassures them that God is near. When God is near, God's' _____ is near, therefore there is no need to be _____. So do not be anxious, instead _____.

Paul encourages _____ and _____ . God is our trusted source who deserves our thanks and is able to hear and handle our requests.

This portion of Paul's letter is the interruption button in the cycle of worry

This portion of the letter is not a pause, a comma, or take a deep breath and reset

This portion of the letter is a _____ sign for worry

Not being anxious does not mean that we do not _____ and lack _____ for ourselves and others

Paul teaches us that _____ is an answer to our being
anxious

SELF-REFLECTION: Do you know how to recognize your anxiousness?

List 3 areas of worry/anxiousness in your own life that you want to take to
God in prayer. If you feel comfortable, invite a friend (prayer partner) to
join you in prayer

PRAYER MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

