

Healing Actions Bible Study 5: Call For An Intervention

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Important Information

- A major focus of the letter to Philippians is a call for unity
- Euodia (pronounced *you-oh-dee-uh*) and Syntche (pronounced *sin-tuh-kay*) are female leaders in the Philippian Church who are arguing
- The Book of Life is God’s record of faithful people
- The “fellow yokemen”/ “true partner” is an unnamed member of the church that Paul asks to help the feuding women heal their rift

Questions

1. Why might one person host an intervention for people who are feuding?

2. What’s the advantage of calling in a neutral party to help two people resolve a dispute?

3. What’s your first impression of the lesson?

4. What, if anything, within today’s text lets us know that Paul cares about each woman, their relationship and its impact on the church as a whole?

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5. How can shifting our focus from the things that divide and onto the things of God that renew, restore and unite us bring us peace?

6. Since Paul's concern of the health and welfare of the Philippian church and its leader prompted him to write this letter, he probably isn't telling people not to be concerned at all in verse 8. What else might he be talking about when he says "don't worry/ be anxious about anything"?

7. If you were the true partner that Paul reached out to, how would you help Eudioa and Synthche resolve their differences?
