

Sermon Notes – April 24, 2016
“Agreeing ... in the Lord”
Philippians 3:20-4:3
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Paul references a conflict between two women in the Philippian Church that was significant enough to catch his attention in Rome.

- What are some reasons for and sources of conflict you’ve witnessed in churches?
- Based on verses 1-3, describe Paul’s general regard for these women.

How is conflict in the church related to the context of:

- standing “firm in the Lord” (4:1)?
- pressing on toward the goal of knowing Christ (3:12f)?
- living as citizens of heaven (3:20)?
- Paul’s general concern for unity (2:1-4)?

What does it mean to “agree with each other *in the Lord*”; i.e., how is this different from agreeing with each other about the matter over which we may disagree?

Paul calls for others in the church to help Euodia and Syntyche.

- When is it good and/or necessary to enlist the help of others when we are in conflict with someone?
- What are some important qualities of those seeking to help people who are in conflict?