

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE
BRETHREN, AGREE IN THE LORD
Philippians 4:2,3

Introduction: Problems between people in the church? How could that be?
Did God plan badly? Or are we meant to learn & grow from them
as we receive instruction from Christ through His apostle?

1. A Disappointing Disharmony

Is **4:2,3** an awkward interruption to the flow of great themes?

No. It is a necessary application of those themes to a particular
problem - a people-problem, not a women-problem.

Why were Euodia & Syntyche at odds? We don't know.

Who were Euodia & Syntyche? Laborers in the Gospel with Paul.

2. A Double Admonition: "Be of one mind in the Lord."

"I exhort Euodia ... I exhort Syntyche ..."

Each may not wait for the other to make the first move,
but in response to God's Word, they should meet coming
toward each other. And so with us!

"be of the same mind"

NOT think alike on EVERYTHING. See 1:27,28, 2:2, 2:5-8 -
Key phrase: "in the Lord"

Union in Christ, commitment to the one Gospel =
God's basis for coming together as one, despite differences.

3. "Help them, true yokefellow."

Paul appeals to "(my) true companion" (or "true Syzygos") to help
Euodia & Synteche reconciled.

Who is this brother? One of the overseers of 1:1, an elder in the church.

What is the point? People may need help doing what is right.

Members should try to help each other.

And elders/pastors should be ready to lovingly prod, referee,
counsel members toward greater harmony with each other.

The Lord's Supper calls us to deeper unity in Christ.