

Lifegroup Question - Philippians 4:1-9 'Stand Firm'

Read Philippians 4:1-9

- What instruction does Paul give the Philippians in chapter 4:1? When you look at your own relationship with Jesus would you say you are standing firm, or on shaky ground? What sort of things have caused your faith to wobble in the past?
- Why does Paul 'plead' with Euodia and Syntyche to be of the same mind (verse 2)? What is the result of division between Christian brothers and sisters, both for the individuals and for the wider church?
- How do you normally react when someone has wronged you? What advice does Jesus offer to those who are at odds with each other? (Matthew 5:21-26, 18:15-17). How easy is this to put into practice?
- Why does Paul tell the Philippians to 'Rejoice in the Lord always'? Are you someone who finds it easy to rejoice, or do you find yourself focusing more on the negatives in your life?
- What does Paul say our approach to prayer should be (Verse 6)? Is this reflective of your prayer life, why/why not? What is the result of praying in this way (verse 7)?
- How much of what you think about on a day-to-day basis could be characterised by Paul's description in verse 8? What sorts of things would fit that description? Why is what we think about so important?
- Why is Paul so keen that the Philippians follow his example (verse 9)? Can you think of anyone who has provided you with a good example to follow through the years? What was it about them that helped you in your own journey?
- If you were to give a fellow believer a 'top-tip' for standing firm in the Lord what would it be?