

Single

A Life Worthy of the Gospel

Philippians 1:27-30



1. We naturally try to prove our worth—to our employer, our family, our spouse, even to God. What is the difference between trying to *earn* God’s acceptance and living a life that is *worthy of the gospel*? How does the gospel free us from that legalistic mindset.
2. Paul used the military metaphor of *standing firm in one spirit*—like a Roman phalanx—soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder. What does that image teach us about Christian unity? Where have you experienced that kind of unity? What often threatens it?
3. The focus of the church is “the faith of the gospel,” not our own preferences or comfort. What are some subtle ways we can lose sight of that mission? How can we be more intentional about striving together for the gospel in our everyday live?
4. Read Philippians 1:28-30. What part of these verses stands out to you the most and why? How does knowing that suffering for Christ is something “granted” to believers reshape the way we think about opposition and hardship?
5. Looking back over the sermon, which of the three responses—**standing firm**, **striving together**, or **suffering courageously**—do you need to grow in the most right now? What is one practical step you can take this week, and how can you as a group pray for one another, and support each other in those things?

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We live worthy of the gospel as we...

...stand firm (v. 27a)

They dwell in their own countries, but simply as sojourners. As citizens, they share in all things with others, and yet endure all things as if foreigners.

– Anonymous, Epistle to Diognetus

Ephesians 4:3

James 5:16

Matthew 5:23-24

...strive together (v. 27b)

Nothing is so [out of place] in a Christian, and foreign to his character as to seek ease and rest.

– John Chrysostom, Homilies on Philippians

...suffer courageously (v. 28-30)

John 15:18

Acts 5:41