

Addressing the Troops before Battle
Philippians 1:27-30
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The Bible, at times, likens the Christian life to war.

(Eph 6:11; 16, 17; Rom 13:12; 2 Tim 4:6)

Paul calls the Philippian Christians to walk worthy, stand firm, and fight confidently.

Paul promises Suffering and Conflict.

Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel v 27a

You don't need Paul to fight.

You are to walk worthy of the gospel at all times.

Live as citizens of God's Kingdom, a colonial outpost. (Phil 3:20)

We live as representatives of another world; a Christian culture.

Stand firm in one spirit for the faith of the gospel v 27B

Unity in the faith is more important than we realize.

Do one thing, and do it together, and do it well.

Barriers to Cooperation

We have a greater enemy than each other!

We have a greater cause than personal vindication!

“for the sake of the crew.”

Fight confidently the opponents of the gospel v 28

In no way alarmed by your opponents

We have enemies, because God has enemies.

We stay calm, cool and collected when we face our enemies.

We need not fear the enemies because God is in control.

We will suffer in this battle. V 30

Two things are granted to us by God.

To believe in him.

To suffer for his sake.

I am not trying to enlist you in the army.

Never surrender