

be a light in the darkness

Philippians 2
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Why did you spill your coffee?



Spilling Coffee at Church

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, (see Num. 11:1–6; 14:1–4; 20:2; 21:4, 5)

so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation" (Deut 32:5).

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

And then I [Apostle Paul – pastor and church founder] will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain.

Philippians 2:14-16



In Phillipi, a "case in point"

striving together 1:27

like-minded 2:2 of one mind 2:2 have the mind of Jesus 2:5

Philippi church

Euodia, Syntche

think the same way 4:2

laboured together 4:3



Applied?

Causation?

Translating Philippians 4:2

...τὸ αὐτὸ [same] φρονεῖν [think/mind] ἐν κυρίῳ Philippians 4:2

- I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. NRSV
- Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. NLT
- I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ESV
- I encourage both Euodia and Syntyche to have the attitude the Lord wants them to have. GW



When conflict arises...spilling yourself

TEA:

- be of the same mind
- having the same love
- being in full accord
- being of one mind.
- Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

COFFEE:

- Don't be selfish
- Don't try to impress others.
- Don't look out only for your own interests.
- Do everything without complaining or grumbling.

Here are God's people rescued from Egypt and feed with mana in the wilderness. They are grumbling and complaining. Don't be like them!

Spilling tea at church...Imitating Jesus

HAVE THE SAME MIND AS JESUS

The Lord made himself nothing. By taking the very nature of a servant, and being made in human likeness, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death —even death on a cross!





Following Paul who is following Jesus...

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

Philippians 3:17

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me — everything you heard from me **and saw me doing**.

Philippians 4:9

