

Ask yourself: **WHAT DO I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR?**  
“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”  
Romans 12:18 NIV

### **Five Ways of Finding Common Ground**

#1 **MAGNIFICATION**: Rejoice in the Lord.  
“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” Philippians 4:4 ESV

Number of times “rejoice” in the Bible: **235x**  
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“You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance; you have taken away my sorrow and surrounded me with joy.” Psalm 30:11 GNT

“Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace.” 2 Corinthians 13:11a

#2 **MODERATION**: Reasonableness in my response.  
“Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.”  
Philippians 4:5 ESV

“Let your moderation be known to all men.” KJV

“Let your gentleness be known to all me.” NKJV

“You too be patient; strengthen your hearts for the coming of the Lord is near.”  
James 5:8 NASB

#3 **MEDIATION**: Referee for our conflicts.  
“Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women...” Phil. 4:3a NIV

Jesus: “If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again.”  
Matthew 18:15-16 The Message

#4: **MINIMIZATION**: Reduce my anxiety with God’s peace. (Phil. 4:6-7)

#5: **MATURATION**: Replace my negative thoughts with worthy ones.  
(Phil. 4:8-9)

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# Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

## **We’re So Glad You’re Here!**

We plan to celebrate Christ’s love for seventy-five minutes tonight and we hope you’ll sing, pray, laugh and learn along with us. Are you worried about the rules - when to stand, when to sit, what to say? Don’t be! We’ve worked hard to make our time together just like family. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You’re definitely among friends here at Church Requel.

## **Tonight: Reconciliation**

How do we handle differences between two people within the church? Tonight we’ll learn three key principles about conflicts within the church AND we’ll begin talking about the 5 ways we deal with them. We study Philippians 4:2-5.

## **Next Week: Anxiety or Peace**

Sometimes the conflicts within our lives come from the anxiety that we fight within ourselves. Next week we’ll look at Paul’s prescription for our anxious thoughts. More than a simple prayer, freedom from anxiety requires a focused mind. We’ll examine Philippians 4:6-9.

## **Info Card**

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to bottom? We will keep you posted on what’s happening at Church Requel. Drop off your card in one of the offering baskets as you exit. Thanks!

## **White Donation Envelope**

We appreciate your worship by giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of Church Requel. Use the white envelope in your program and drop in one of the offering baskets on your way out.

## **Prayer Requests and Praises**

Do you have something you’d like us to pray about? After our communion time, we’d be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table up front.

## **Music for Tonight**

Here’s the lineup for tonight’s service in case you want to find the music for your own worship:

- “Lead Me to the Cross”
- “All Creatures of Our God & King”
- “Stronger”
- “Song of Reconciliation”

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## Ketchup Stained Conflict

This past week was filled with milestones for me personally. We married off my youngest daughter last Saturday. Then Mary Kay and I celebrated our own 31st wedding anniversary on Wednesday. We enjoyed a quiet dinner together that evening, just the two of us, sharing happy memories together.

Memories we didn't share were the conflicts we had with one another in our early years. I recall one time in our first year that we fought and I foolishly threw a hamburger at Mary Kay. She ducked, the hamburger fell apart, and the ketchup side slammed into the lamp shade. For several years thereafter we had to turn the lampshade around so that the ketchup stain faced the corner of the room.

Today I can't even remember what we fought about. I just remember my own embarrassment of throwing a hamburger at Mary Kay and then being reminded of it for years afterward by the stained lampshade.

Our fights with one another are like that ketchup-stained lampshade, aren't they? The issue that seemed so important that at one time we were willing to fight over it eventually disappears completely from our memories. But the hurt of our words somehow stain our hearts for years to come.

Tonight we're going to talk about our conflicts. Sadly the Christian church has had its share of ketchup-stained - and sometimes blood-stained - fights over the years. The question we address tonight is how we might reconcile ourselves without stains, ketchup or otherwise. May Church Requel be known for its peaceful reconciliations. In Christ's love and peace, Pastor Mark



<sup>2</sup> I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.  
<sup>3</sup> And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Philippians 4:2-5 NKJV

### Three Principles of Christian Conflict

1. The **FAITHFUL** sometimes disagree...

"They worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life." Philippians 4:3b NLT

~ fellow **WORKERS**

~ fellow **EVANGELISTS**

~ fellow **NAMED** in the Book of Life!

2. ... but they should not **REMAIN THAT WAY**.

"I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord." Philippians 4:2 NIV

"Stand firm in one spirit." Philippians 1:27 NIV

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Philippians 2:2 ESV

"Be in agreement with one another." Romans 12:16 HCSB

"Live in harmony with one another." (NIV, NLT, NRSV)

"Be of the same mind toward one another." (NKJV, NASB)

φρονέω **phronōō**; from phrēn, mind. To think, have a mindset, be minded. Involves the will, affections, and conscience.

3. **PEOPLE** take priority over **ISSUES**.

## Communion Tonight

Tonight we will celebrate communion together. If you know Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you may share this communion celebration with us. You do not need to be a member of our church. When we come to this time in our service, you may take a piece of bread and a cup back to your seat. Eat the bread and drink from the cup individually when you are ready to do so, remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for you.

## Brianna Barnes Here Next Week!



Song writer and singer Brianna Barnes will be on the Church Requel platform next weekend. Brianna won the Alive Festival contest in June. Invite your friends!