

ENCOURAGEMENT: REMAIN STEADFAST

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Philippians 1:27-30

I. ENCOURAGEMENT TO GODLY CONDUCT v27-28

A. Stand Firm Because of Your Passion (v27)

-**Unashamed** of your position

B. Strive Together Because of Your Position (v27)

-**Unwavering** in your passion

C. Strong and Secure in The Face of Opposition (v28)

-**Unafraid** of the opponents/adversaries

Lord, **continue strengthening me to be a true representative of You, **governed** by your Word!*

II. ENCOURAGEMENT DURING THE GREAT CONFLICT V29-30

A. Granted **Salvation** through Christ v29

B. Granted **Suffering** for Christ v29-30

Lord, thank You for the **privilege of **believing** and **suffering** for the sake of the Gospel.*

QUESTIONS

1. Why does Scripture put such a high value on our behavior to be "worthy of the gospel of Christ"? Discuss the attitude of "godly living" today. (v27)

2. How does "standing firm, striving together" look for us today? How resolved are you when your faith is under fire? (v27) cp Phil 2:15-16

3. Define what is the "faith of the gospel"? (v27) Are you able to give a clear presentation of the gospel? (maybe practice this with each other)

4. Who/what are the "adversaries" causing you fear and/or alarm? (v28) How do you stay strong in the midst of wickedness and opposition today?

5. How is your lack of fear of the opponents, "a sign of destruction for them", but of "salvation for you"? (v28) cp Phil 3:18-19

6. Discuss "believing and suffering" as a privilege.