

**PRESS ON
IN CONFIDENCE****A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS**

LESSON 5 PHILIPPIANS 2:1- 4

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of **Philippians 1:18c-30** was helpful to you?
 2. Pray and ask God for His joy to be extended to you as you read **2:1-4**. List some of the themes that pop out to you from these four verses.
 3. In **V1**, from where was Paul assuming believers would draw encouragement, and what might that look like?
 4. In what specific area of your life could unity in Christ bring you encouragement?
 5. In what situation are you allowing (or not allowing) Christ's love to bring you comfort?
 6. What do you think the "*common sharing in the Spirit*" means or could look like? (**V1b**)
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7. In **V2**, Paul spoke of “complete joy” – something we all long for.

a) In a nutshell, how did both Paul (**1 Thessalonians 2:19-20**) and John (**3 John 3-4**) express what brought them “complete joy”?

b) How does our culture attempt to find “complete joy”? How about you?

8. Paul wanted the Philippians to be “like-minded” and “of one mind.” List some of the challenges and blessings that could arise if believers today followed his advice.

Challenges:

Blessings:

9. Paul coached the Philippians to “*do nothing* out of selfish ambition or vain conceit” (**V3a**). Where do you most struggle with this? How is this even possible?

10. In **V3b-4**, Paul gave two ways to live out humility. What are they? With whom could you put them into practice?

11. How do the following passages encourage you to look to the interests of others:

Proverbs 11:25 _____

Philemon 1:7 _____

12. Paul gave us so many examples of how to *press on in confidence*. Which one did you need to hear this week and why?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. a) In the following passages, how are you instructed about humility, and/or what are the benefits of humility?

2 Chronicles 7:14 _____

Psalms 25:9 _____

Proverbs 18:12 _____

Isaiah 66:2b _____

Romans 12:3 _____

b) Which of these verses on humility was most compelling to you? Explain.

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Philippians 2:3**

b) Write a prayer to your loving God about one thing from this passage you desire Him to grow more of in you.

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PRAYER REQUEST