

Philippians –

Above the Circumstances!

Be Resolute – 4:1-9

A ‘Pastoral Charge’ – Our Marching Orders

Resolute in getting along with others (vs. 2,3)

Resolute in joy (vs. 4)

Resolute in winsome, Christ-like gentleness (vs. 5)

Resolute in calm, steady faith (vs. 6,7)

Resolute in spiritual focus (vs. 8,9)

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Verse 1 Stand Firm!

- **A military word**
 - Encouragement for combatants in enemy territory
 - Shoulder-to-shoulder as the enemy bears down on us in hand-to-hand combat
 - See I Cor 15:58; 16:13
- **The warm affection of a 'Band of Brothers'**

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- Relational problems – never just a ‘private matter’
- Relational problems – individuals must be dealt with personally, directly and specifically
 - Euodia = ‘prosperous journey’
 - Syntyche = ‘pleasant acquaintance’ or ‘good luck’
 - Syzygus = ‘companion’ or ‘yokefellow’
- Other people often need to get involved in bringing about reconciliation

live up to your name – come alongside, help bear the load

What do you want to be known for?

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*Happiness depends on what happens – joy depends
on the goodness and sovereignty of God!*

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- **Our culture doesn't much value 'gentleness'**
- **One of the most difficult Greek words to translate**
moderation – forbearance – patience – gentleness –
graciousness – considerateness – mildness –
yieldedness – magnanimity – generosity – bigheartedness
- **A character-trait of Christ**
see II Cor 10:1; Gal 5:23; Phil 2:4ff
- **Something beyond and better than justice**

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