

9-Fellowship of the Spirit

2/26/23

INTRO:

I. **Philippians 2:1-4**

→ Therefore if you have any **encouragement from being united with Christ**, if any **comfort from his love**, if any **common sharing in the Spirit**, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being **like-minded**, having the **same love**, being **one in spirit** and of **one mind**.

→ 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

BODY:

I. **A Spirit of Comfort**

"If any comfort in Christ"

Grk (*paráklesis*) comfort, advocacy

A. Jesus sent us His Spirit so that we would never be alone.

1) **John 14:16-17**

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

2) **HAVING A DEFENSE ATTORNEY BY YOUR SIDE**

B. It is the Holy Spirit that comforts and unifies the church.

1) **Acts 9:31**

*Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and **encouraged** by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.*

2) **MEETING JESUS AT CAMP**

II. A Spirit of Counsel

"If any counsel of love"

Grk (*paramuthía*) speak towards, reassure

A. The Holy Spirit speaks through all of us in different ways.

1) **1 Corinthians 12:7-8**

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit . . .

2) PEOPLE WITH A WORD FROM THE LORD

B. It takes both presence and counsel for us to grow up.

1) **1 Thessalonians 5:14**

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

2) LETTING PEOPLE SPEAK INTO YOUR LIFE

III. A Spirit of Community

"If any *koinonia* of Spirit"

A. The Spirit helps us work together so we all can be healed.

1) **Ephesians 4:3-4**

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.

2) HERE COMES THE BOOM—STAGNANT CELLS

B. After all is the Spirit that draws us together into fellowship.

1) **2 Corinthians 13:14**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2) FINDING HEALING FROM PAST WOUNDS

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

1 Thessalonians 2:11

For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 4:13

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

Philemon 7

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

2 Corinthians 1:5

For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.