

Leader

Phil. 2:1

<sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

Congregation

Phil. 2:2

<sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Leader

Phil. 2:3

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

# Congregation

Phil. 2:4,5

<sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

A dramatic landscape featuring a bright light breaking through dark, heavy clouds over a body of water. The light creates a strong glow and illuminates the scene, casting a shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The overall mood is one of hope and transformation.

# Becoming a Transforming Community

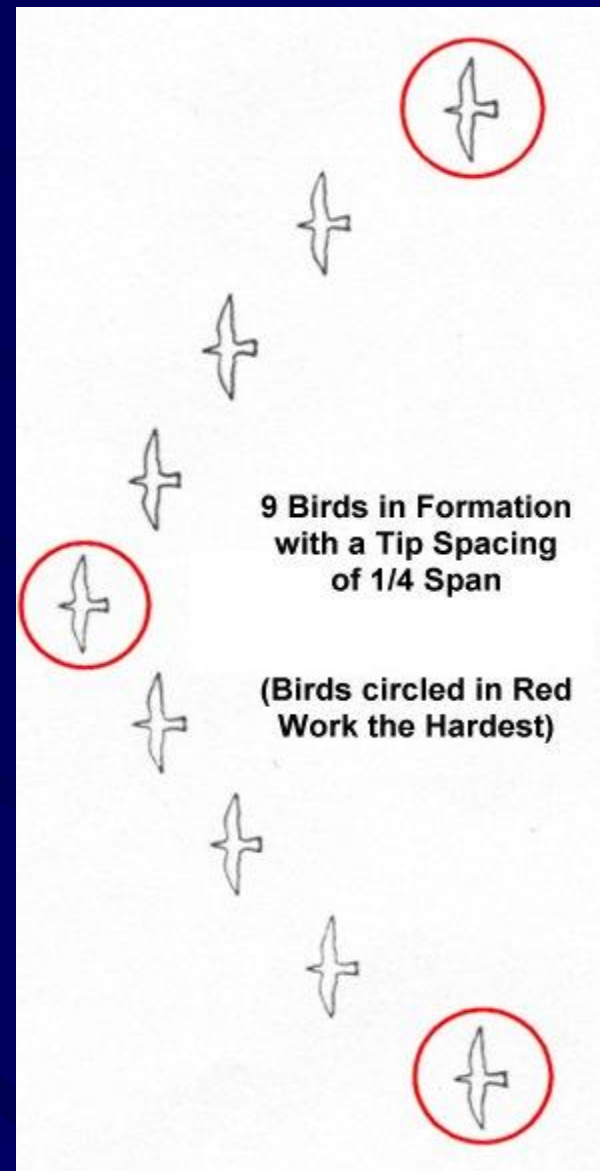
Philippians 2:1-5

3 Ways to Bring Joy to Your Partners

## Introduction: (Philippians 2:1)

- Q. Is there any benefit for being partners in the Gospel?
- A. Yes, there is **encouragement** in *Christ*, **comfort** from love of the *Father*, **fellowship** in the *Spirit*
- There is **affection** toward others & the **sympathy** that flows from it!

# Partnership in the Spirit



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# Cooperating with the Spirit

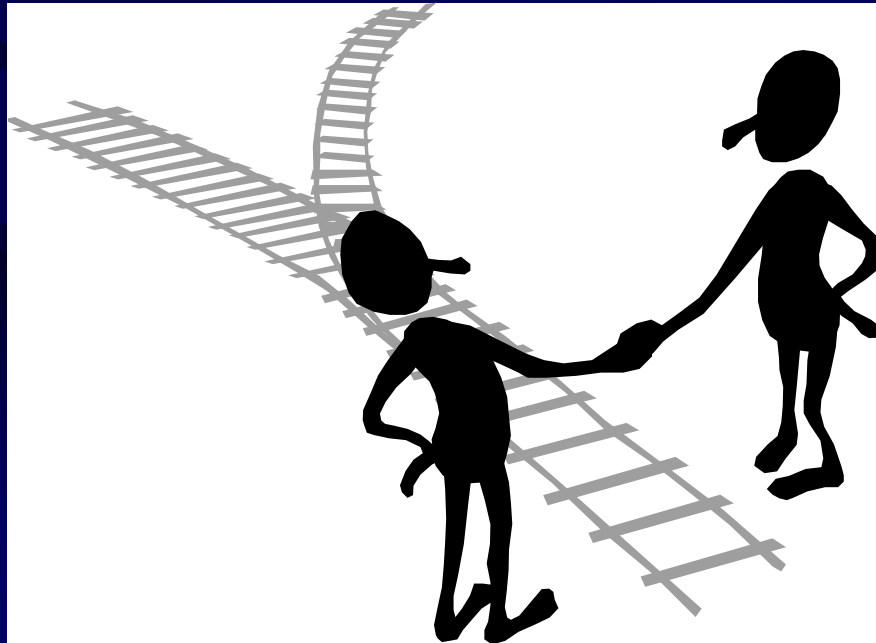


## Introduction: (Philippians 2:1-5)

- **Theme:** “We can bring joy to our partners in Christ by...
- **Being** of same mind, emotion & will
- **Putting aside** rivalry & pride & **considering** others first
- **Looking out** for others’ interests as well as your own.”

## Expand Joy of your Partners (2:2)

- Being of same mind, emotion & will
- When we are one in mind, emotion (love) and will ("one soul") our partnership is we empowered and we bring joy to our partners.



# Expand Joy of your Partners (2:3)

- Putting aside rivalry & pride & considering others first



## Expand Joy of your Partners (2:3)

- If we see life as competition to win, we struggle to overcome, put down or conquer.
- “If I push another forward, I fall back.”
- So, put aside rivalry and **consider** others ahead of your self.

## Expand Joy of your Partners (2:4)

- Looking out for others interests as well as your own.



## Expand Joy of your Partners (2:4)

- To look out for others' interests you have to know those interests.
- Every **issue** has 2 **positions & interests**

## Application (2:5ff)

- How? By having the mindset of Christ!
- “Christianity is Christ”