

Be Steadfast in 2025!!!

Phil.3:17-4:9

Great Holland Free Church 5th January 2025

Summary Outline of Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi

The letter depending on how you parse it has 8 sections. They are as follows:

I. Introductory greeting of letter (Phil. 1:1-11)

II. The outcome of Paul's Suffering (Phil. 1:12-20)

III. Paul's charge to the congregation in Philippi ((Phil. 1:27-30)

IV. Unity & selflessness are hallmarks of the faith (Phil. 2:1-18)

V. The Importance of Community in the Church (Phil. 2:19-30)

VI. Instructions for the Church against error (Phil 3:1-4:9)

VII. Paul's encouragement to the Church (Phil. 4:10-23)

VIII. Conclusion of the letter (Phil. 4:21-23)



Phil. 3:17-21

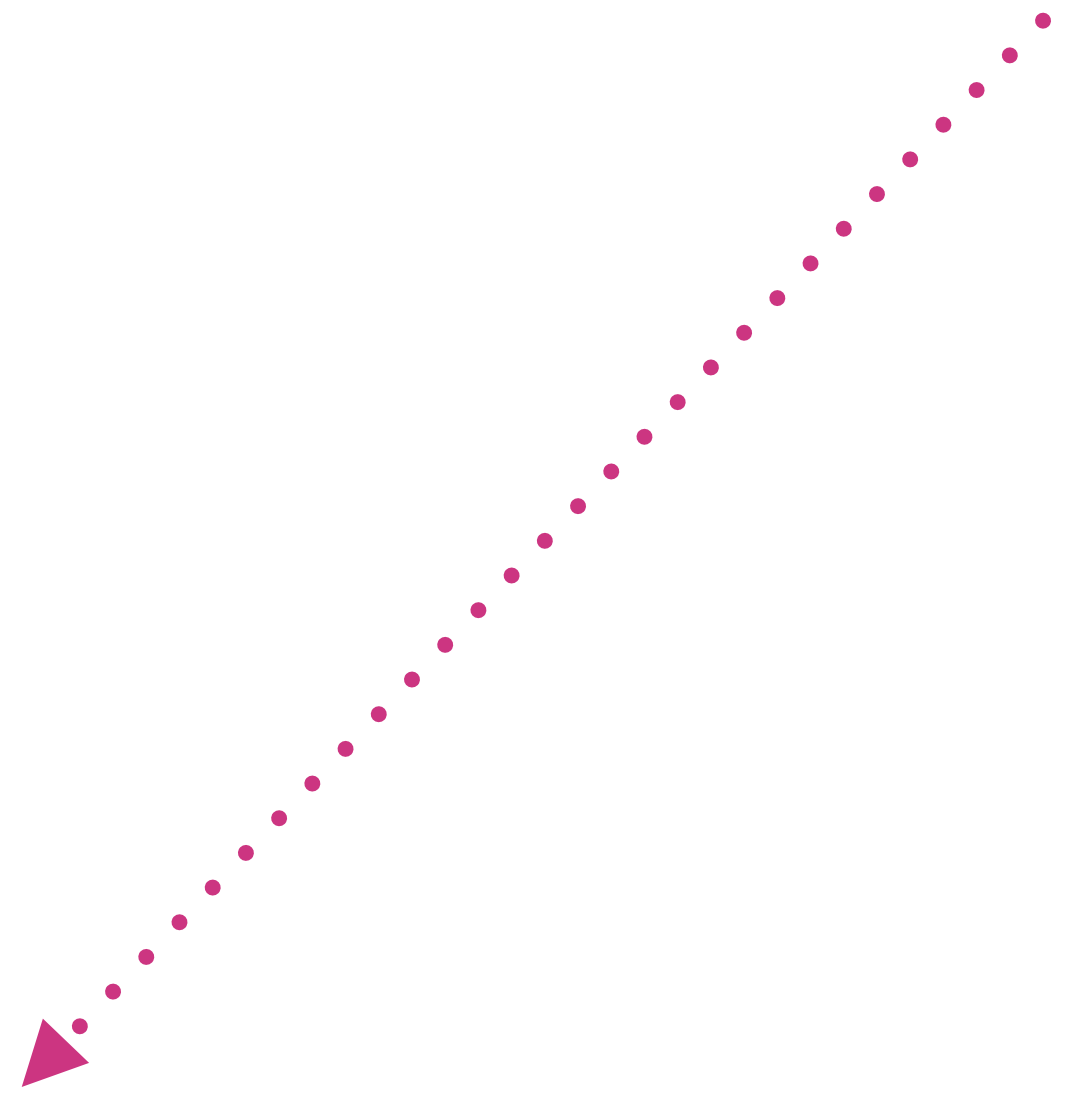
17Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Phil.4:1-9

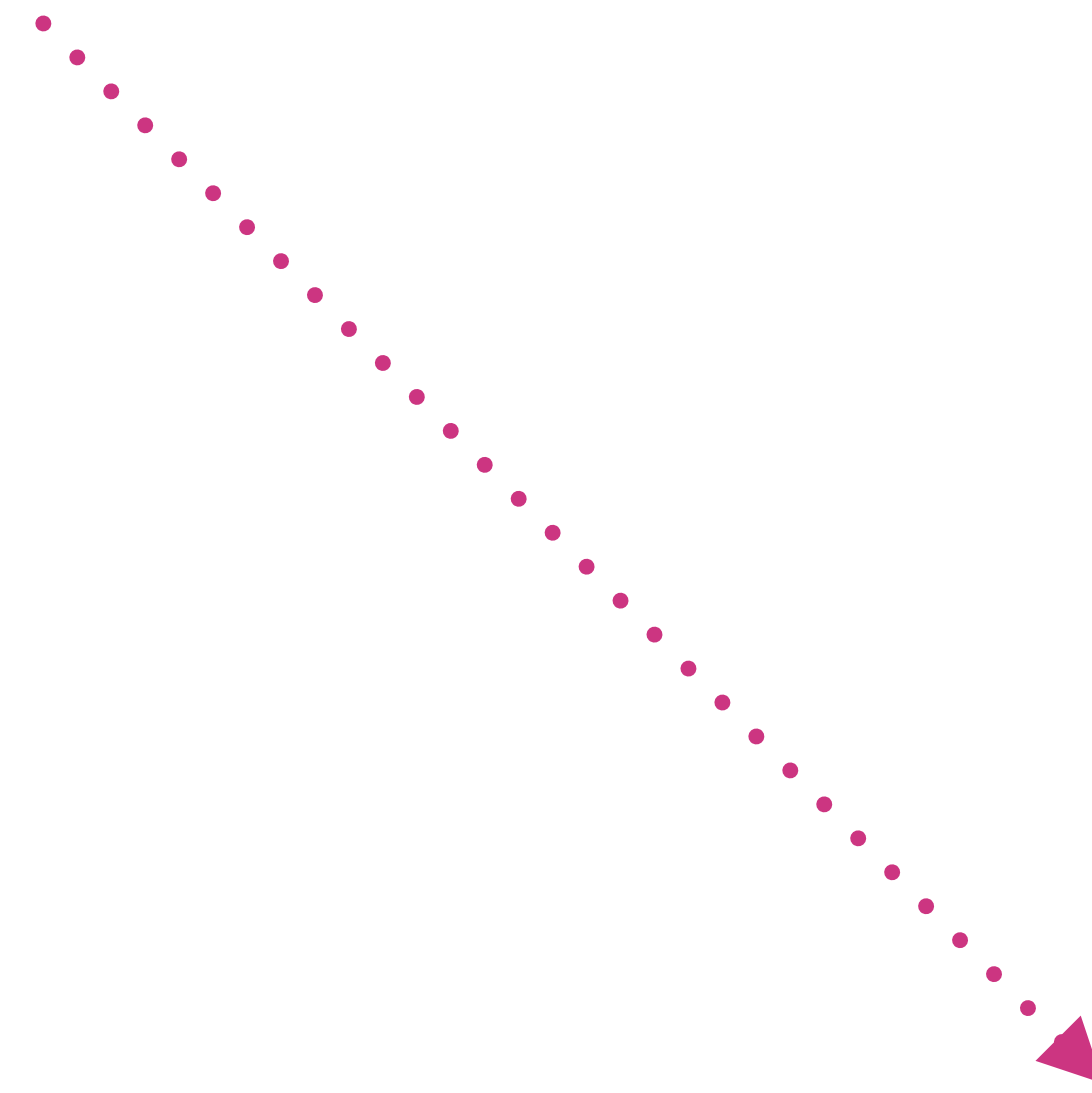
1Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. 2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Point 1: The identity of the Steadfast (Phil. 3:17-21)

Point 2: Practising Steadfastness (Phil.4:1-9)



The steadfast
resolve their
disputes : Phil.4:1-3



The steadfast
embody Shalom :
Phil.4: 4-9

(Psa. 150)

1 Halleluyah!

Praise God in his holy place!

Praise him in the heavenly dome of his power!

2Praise him for his mighty deeds!

Praise him for his surpassing greatness!

3Praise him with a blast on the *shofar*!

Praise him with lute and lyre!

4Praise him with tambourines and dancing!

Praise him with flutes and strings!

5Praise him with clanging cymbals!

Praise him with loud crashing cymbals!

6Let everything that has breath praise *Adonai*!

Halleluyah!

(Phil.4:8-9)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned⁵ and ^wreceived and heard and seen ^xin me—practice these things, and ^ythe God of peace will be with you.

Application questions from the Identity of the Steadfast (Phil.3:17-21)

- 1.Are we planning to be accountable to one another in 2025?
- 2.Are we planning to live for our desires alone in 2025?
- 3.Are there stubborn sins in our lives that need to be confessed and repented from asap?

Application Points from Practising Steadfastness

1. We have to strive for peace at all times, especially within the local body of Christ.
This does not mean that there are no confrontations or difficult conversations.
2. Peace enables the Church to live worthily, only according to the gospel of Christ.
3. Disagreements often require a mediator. Can you be one?
4. Communal prayer helps to overcome anxiety

Wishing You a 2025 in which you will
be Steadfast!!!