

Clarifications:

Cayucos Community Church Sermon Notes: 7-9-2017, Pastor Dale James

Engage Joy, pt 13 Relational JOY through Unity Philippians 2:1-4

What does the practice require?

Accept & embrace God's provisions (v 1)

Apply the gracious gifts actively (v 2)

Commit to interdependence (vs 3-4)

Get **EYES** to see this reality

Expect challenge

Yield to the work of the Spirit

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Embrace humility

Sustain the practice

Take it Home

Don't wait for a crisis to get started.

Do you have a relationship that needs adjustment?

Do you need a fresh commitment?

What stresses your relationships? your marriage?

God creatively uses our life situations to teach us truth & transform our thinking & behaving.

Context: the call to unity (Phil 1:27-30)

Our birthright must be preserved

Securely united in the truth

Not intimidated by opposition, even if we must suffer

We are called to unity which requires humility (2:1-4)

When God makes a gracious provision He expects us to make appropriate application of it.

Provision (v 1)

Four "ifs" ⇒ since (assume a positive response)

encouragement in Christ

consolation of love

fellowship of the Spirit

affection and compassion

Application (v 2)

Command: *make my joy complete*

being of the same mind **intellect**

maintaining the same love **volition**

united in spirit **emotion**

intent on one purpose **goal**

Mind + will + empowered emotion
= a unified purpose

Independence to **interdependence** (vs 3-4)

⇒ from self to humility

Not saying you don't matter,
but it's not **all** about you!

Action + Attitude + Volition
= unified interdependence

Practically, how does this look?

Coming to grips with the prevalence and power of **self**

(Check out Ryan's "song" on the website.)

Leaning into the power of the Spirit to overcome our
fleshly perspective

Surrender

Sufficiency

It's hard to own that "*selfishness & empty conceit*" hop so easily into my sanctified heart.

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Point: my practice of healthy habits, or even obedience to God, is not governed by the failures of others but my **heart-desire** for God.

Central verb = *regard* ⇒ consider, reckon

Not driven by emotions, but by what I know to be **true** (reality)