

The Way of Weakness

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Nurture Shock

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Philippians 4.1-23

The way of Christ is the way of weakness.

The way of the Gospel is the way of weakness.

The church is at its best and most powerful when it walks the way of weakness.

The church is to be a prophetic voice of weakness calling power to account.

Biblically, we are a people of weakness (2 Cor. 13.4; 12.9-10; 11.30; 1 Cor. 15.42-44; Rom. 8.22-26)

Philippians 4

Verses 1-3:

Paul publicly calls out two female leaders for their disunity.

He highlights those whose names are in the "Book of Life." In early Christianity this typically meant those who suffered persecution.

Enduring persecution is the undercurrent of the chapter.

Verses 4-9: The Way of Weakness

Rejoice in the Lord: Worship God and do not be distracted by the powers of the age.

Let your gentleness be known: The word for gentleness is one used to describe one's kind attitude when retribution was expected.