

PEACEMAKING PAUL'S WAY

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Based on Philippians 4: 2-9 which concerns a disagreement between Euodia and Syntyche and Paul's suggestions for solving it.

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Narrator

Euodia

Syntyche

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Euodia No we didn't.

Syntyche Yes we did.

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Narrator They found it difficult to rejoice in the Lord together.

E [*Haughtily*] Well I'm rejoicing.

S Not in the Lord though.

E Yes I am. Look at me. [*She turns away and sings 'Rejoice in the Lord always...'*]

S That's singing – not rejoicing. And singing is a generous description at that.

N Their aggression towards each other was evident to all.

E If I had your figure I wouldn't wear that dress.

S At least I don't look as though I am going to a fancy dress party – as a hippopotamus.

N Their relationship was strained and they grew anxious about what the other one was thinking about them.

- E I wonder what she is saying about me behind my back?
- S I bet she is running me down to all her friends.
- N Their's was far from a peaceful relationship.
- E Huh. I am perfectly at peace with myself.
- S So am I. *[They end up back to back in haughty poses]*
- N If only they could take Paul's advice and concentrate on the positives about each other.
- E I can't think of any.
- S Me neither. *[Both fold arms and stand back to back]*
- N Whatever is true..
- E *[Unfolding arms]* I suppose it is true that she manages her household well. It runs like clockwork. And she does throw the best parties in Philippi.
- N Whatever is noble...
- S *[Unfolding arms]* She does do a lot to help the poor. She always looks out for the weaker ones.
- N Whatever is right..
- E *[Turning a little towards front]* And she is pretty wise. She does tend to know what is the right thing to do; people go to her for advice.
- N Whatever is pure...
- S *[Turning a little towards front]* Noone's ever questioned her motives. Her heart is in the right place; she just seems to want to help people in need.
- N Whatever is lovely..
- E *[Turning to front]* She does have a lovely smile; one that brightens up a room.

- N Whatever is admirable..
- S *[Turning to front]* People do admire her. They try to follow her example.
- N Whatever is excellent..
- E In fact she has been an excellent friend to me through thick and thin.
[She turns to face the Syntyche]
- N Whatever is praiseworthy..
- S Others praise her for her good character. They see the good in her. So I suppose I should too. *[Turns to face Euodia]*
- N Paul said “Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”
- E *[E and S hold both hands with each other]* May the peace of the Lord be with you, Syntyche, - my fellow worker.
- S And with you, Euodia, – my sister in Christ.
- N,S & E *[To audience]* And the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

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