

### **THE CLOSENESS OF RELATIONSHIP**

1. A great example  
Paul and the Philippians
2. A rare example  
Few churches have this kind of closeness of relationship
3. Evidence of this close relationship
  - a) Clean and pure
  - b) Open and evident
  - c) Paul's declaration of his love for the Philippians
    - i) My beloved
    - ii) Longed-for brethren
    - iii) Joy and crown

### **CALL TO MAINTAIN THIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP**

1. To stand Fast          Philippians 4:1
2. To stand Fast in the Lord      Philippians 4:1

### **THREATS THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH**

1. Threat of quarrels between friends  
Euodia and Synteche      Philippians 4:2
2. Encouragement to resolve differences
  - a) Direct appeal to Euodia and Synteche
  - b) Special appeal to a "true companion" (Unknown to us)
  - c) Clement
  - d) Fellow Workers          Philippians 4:3

### **CHOOSING TO CONSCIOUSLY REMAIN**

1. Joyful Always          Philippians 4:4

2. Gentleness always Philippians 4:5

3. That the Lord is near at hand Philippians 4:5

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

*Philippians 4:5*

*Let your gentleness be known to all men. The LORD is at hand.*