

*“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Philippians 2:5-8*

## **Conflict and Confrontation—Paul and Barnabas, and Euodia and Syntyche Acts 15:36-41; Philippians 2:1-8; Philippians 4:1-8**

### **I. Division and the Grace of God’s Design—Acts 15:36-41**

### **II. Dissension and the Perfection of God’s Son—Philippians 2:1-8; 4:1-8**

#### **Thinking Further—**

**Read Genesis 12:1-9 and 13:1-18.** How do you see Abram living out the humility described in Philippians 2:3, which calls us to consider others before ourselves? How did Abram’s action seem to remove part of God’s promise from him? In what was Abram trusting? How did God reward Abram’s trust? How could you handle conflict, competition, or difficult people better with this kind of trust?

#### **Next week: Catastrophe and Consolation—Jesus, Martha, and Mary**

**Read John 11:1-44; 20:1-10** Speaking in the assurance of Christ’s resurrection power What does Christ’s power over death mean for the way you face trouble and for the words you speak to others in grief or crisis?

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