



**Lesson Five: Citizen Soldiers**  
**Philippians 1:27-2:4**  
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<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup> engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**2** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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## Discussion Questions:

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1. Why is Paul the greatest philosopher & what is his philosophy?
2. How should Christians *respond* to the unbelieving world around us – Even when that world becomes *hostile towards us*?
3. How do we live as *citizens of heaven* in Dallas TX?
4. Why is Christian unity so important?
5. How is suffering a gift of God's grace?
6. What are Paul's commands in 2:1-4?
7. What is Jesus' mindset towards you?



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