



# Exhorting the Afflicted

*How being dogmatic about the right things encourages our coworkers.*

## Philippians 1:27-30

**Philippians 1:27-30** – <sup>27</sup>Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup>without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup>since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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How is “*contending for the faith of the gospel*” an encouragement to fellow believers?

What does it mean to be dogmatic?

What things should we be dogmatic about and how does this encourage people?

1:27 – How may we conduct ourselves “*worthy of the gospel of Christ*” at work?

1:29-30 – What goes hand-in-hand with trusting Christ?

What does it demonstrate when we conduct ourselves “*worthy of the gospel of Christ*”?

How do Christians suffer for Christ at work?

1:27-28 – How may we contend for “*the faith of the gospel*” at work?

What should our attitude be about suffering for Christ?

How may we “*stand firm in one spirit*” at work?

How may we encourage the afflicted?

Why is “*contending for the faith of the gospel*” not appreciated by most people?