



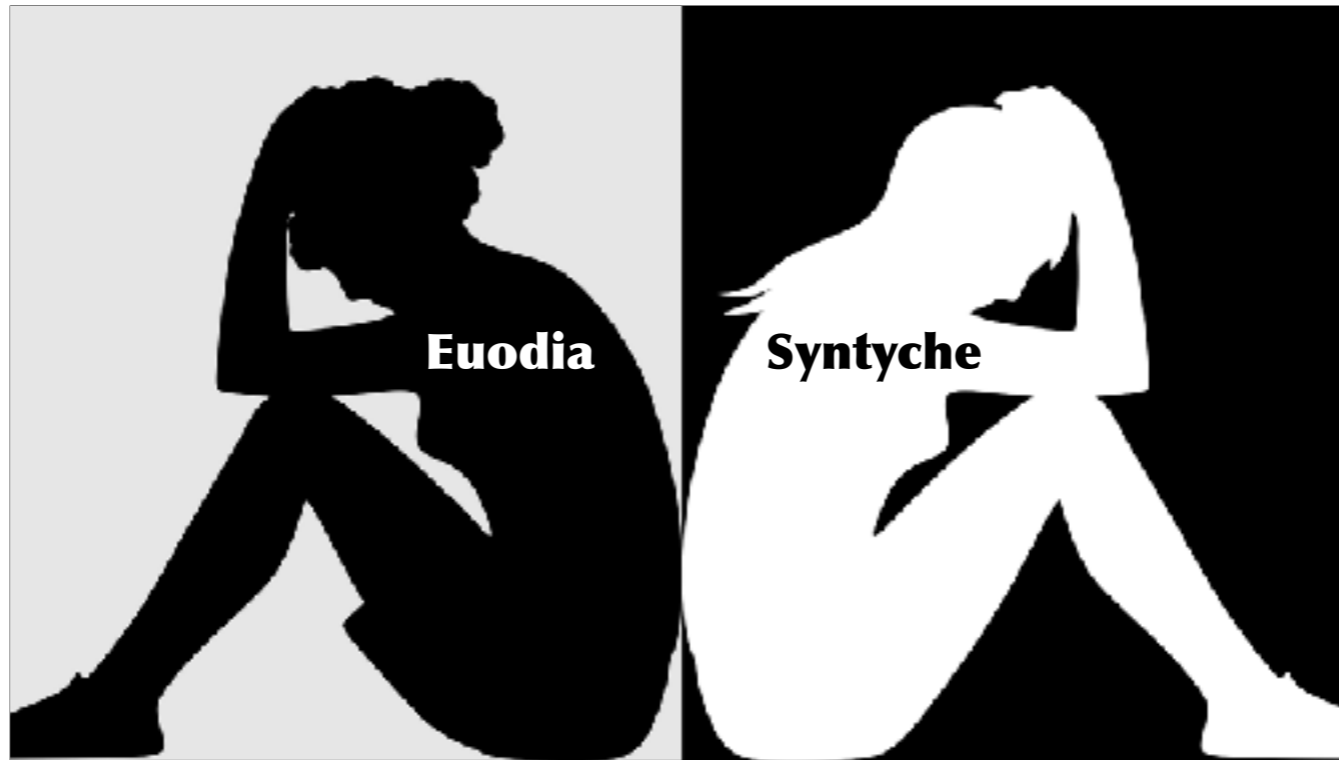
- If you are mentioned by Paul in one of his letters, it's usually because of something really good ... or really bad.
- Euodia & Syntyche: Philippians 4:2-3



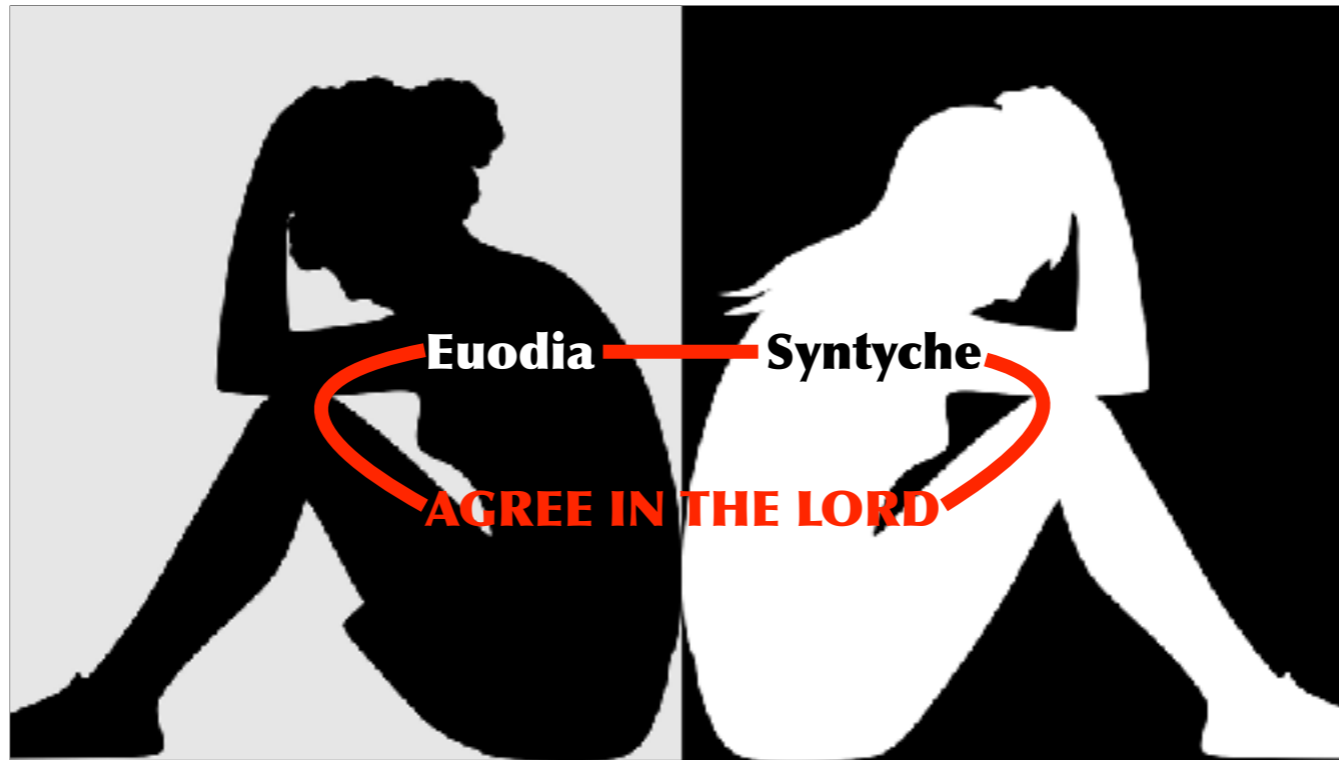
**Fellow workers
Labored side by side**

Euodia Syntyche

- Philippians 4:2-3 (ESV) 2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.
- Paul calls them fellow workers
 - labored side by side with me



- We don't know what happened, or why, or how.
- Something went wrong in their relationship.
- It's a common enough situation ... given for our learning, surely.
- We've seen it ... relationships that not just grow apart but become actively opposed to each other.



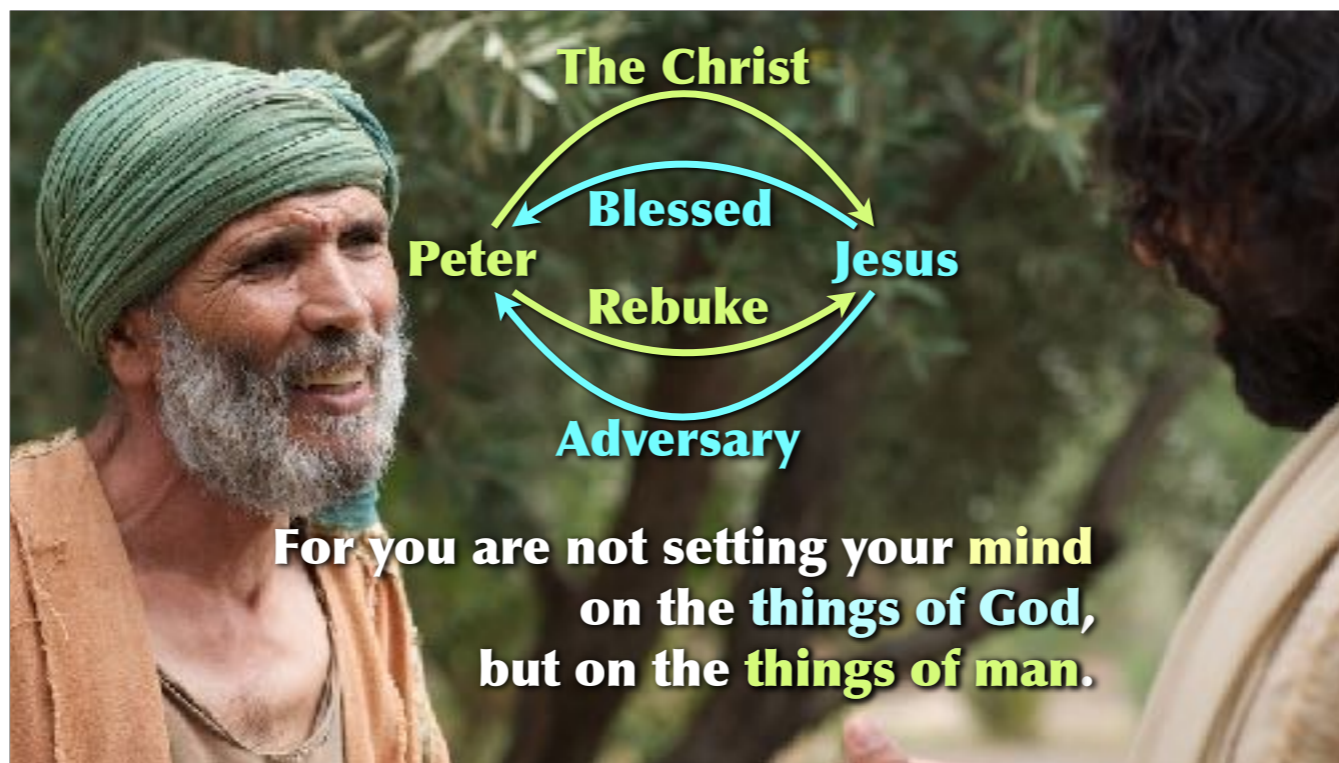
- But Paul admonishes them, urges them
 - Agree!
- This is clearly serious enough that Paul mentions it in this letter to the church, and how vital it is that they correct this problem in their relationship.
- But what does this mean to agree?
- Consider another relationship that vacillated quickly
 - Matthew 16



- He understands who Jesus is: the Christ, the son of the living God.
 - Jesus blesses him!
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- Jesus begins talking about suffering and being killed in Jerusalem
 - Peter rebukes him: This shall never happen to you.
 - Peter is trying to be helpful, supportive, encouraging
- Jesus
 - Matthew 16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, **Satan!** You are a **hindrance** to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”



- For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”
- “mind” is the same word as “agree” about Euodia and Syntyche.
 - Like most words, a range of meaning
 - Essentially, it’s about how we think ... our mentality
 - Are we thinking about God’s things?
 - Are we thinking about one another?



- Things of God or Things of Man.
- Shocking statement for Peter!
 - v. 17: flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven
 - v. 19: give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven
- Peter must have thought that he was doing and saying the right things!
- What do these mean?
 - Things of man
 - Things of God



- Commonly define the difference between things of man and things of God on doctrinal issues
 - This often is true.
 - Galatians 5:7-10 (ESV) 7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other **view**, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is.



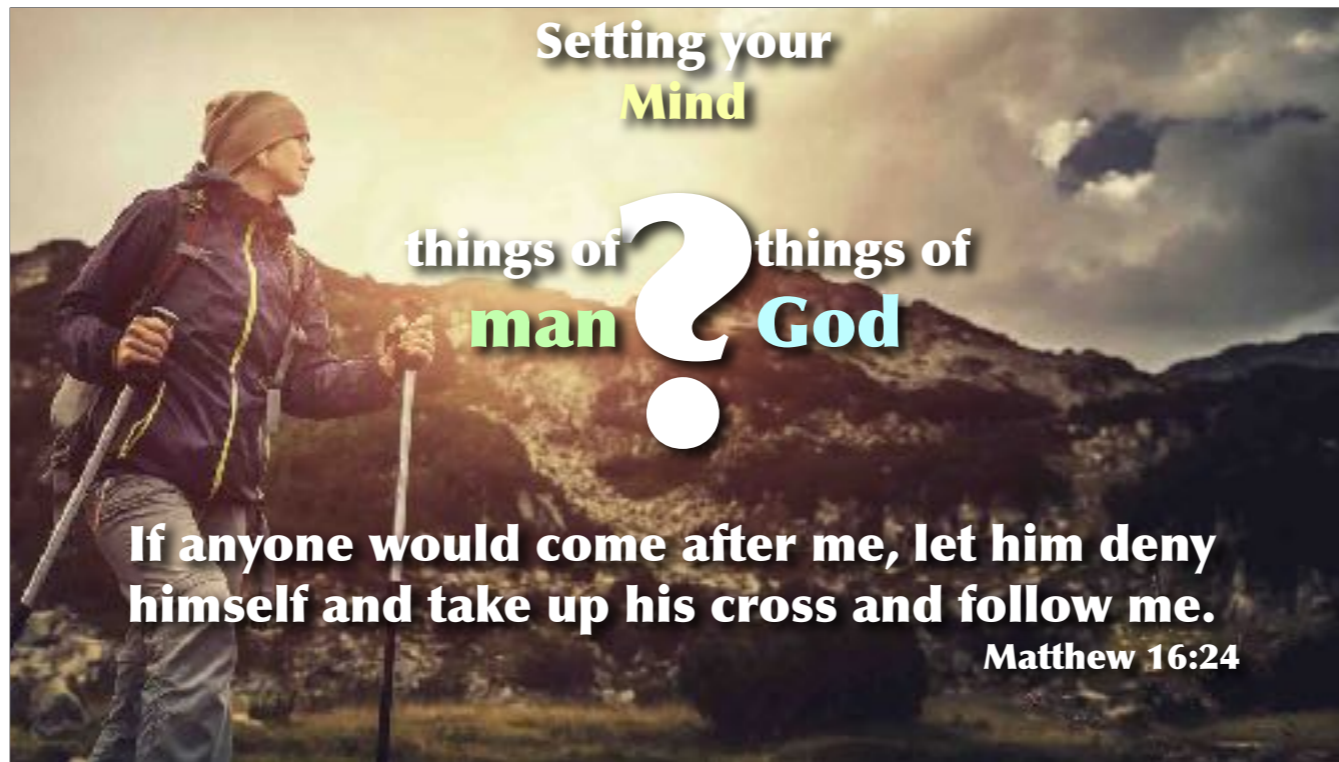
- Are the “things of God” just doctrinal?
 - Not at all.
 - People. Saving people. Helping people.
 - The plan of salvation is about people. The church is about people.
 - We must make each other our priority.
- But there’s much more to it than just that!
 - Must also learn to think of others before our selves; our own interests.



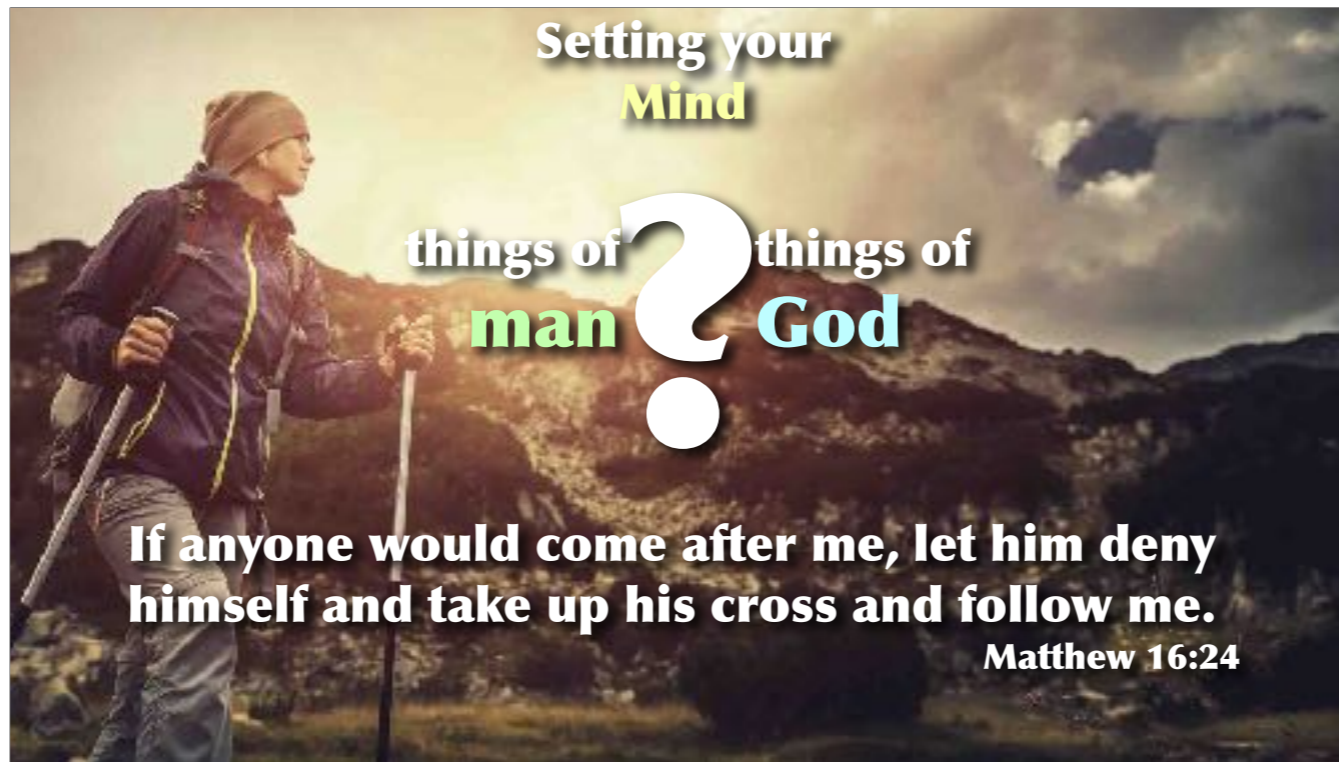
- Peter was thinking of the Messiah ... that's good.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:11 (ESV) 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I **thought** like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.



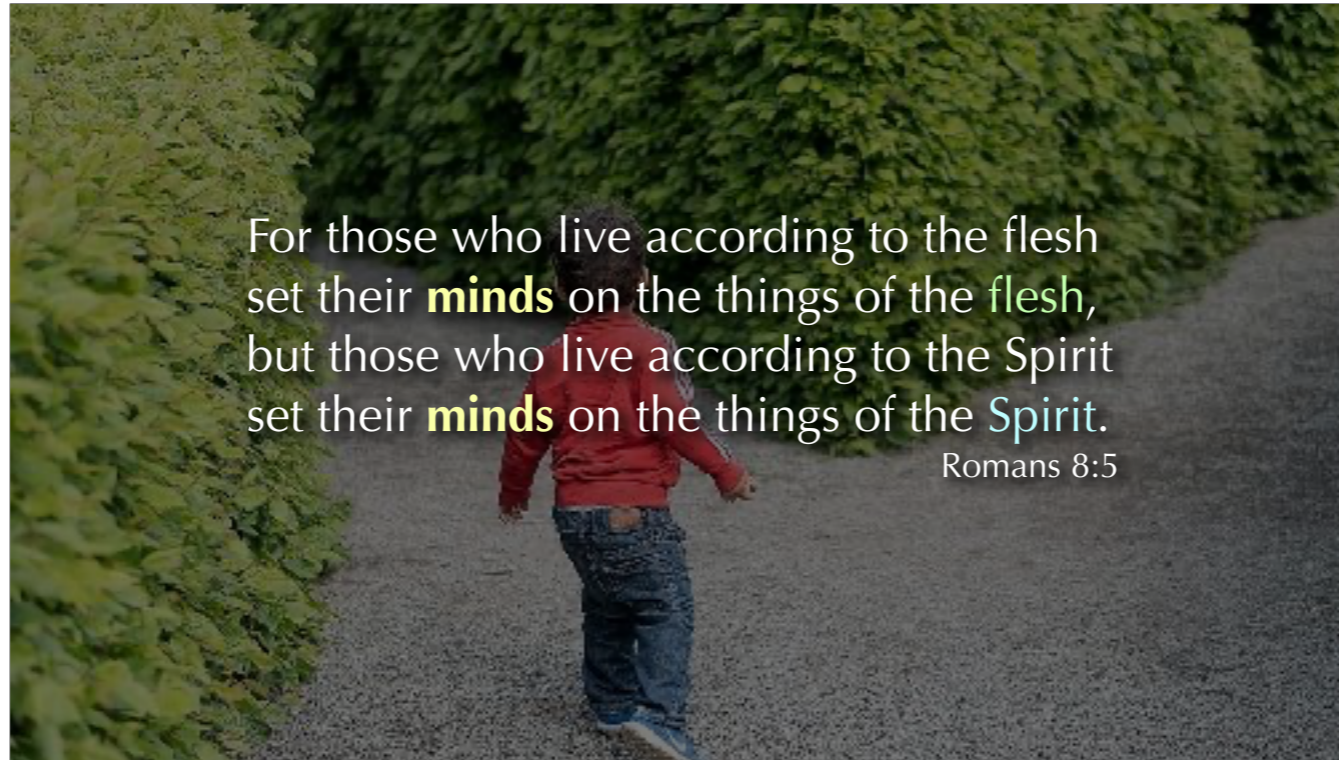
- Peter was not thinking about the salvation of all mankind, but Jesus is.
 - Jesus is thinking about the things of God because they fit in God's plan
 - Including his death.
 - Peter was thinking about a king, earthly kingdom



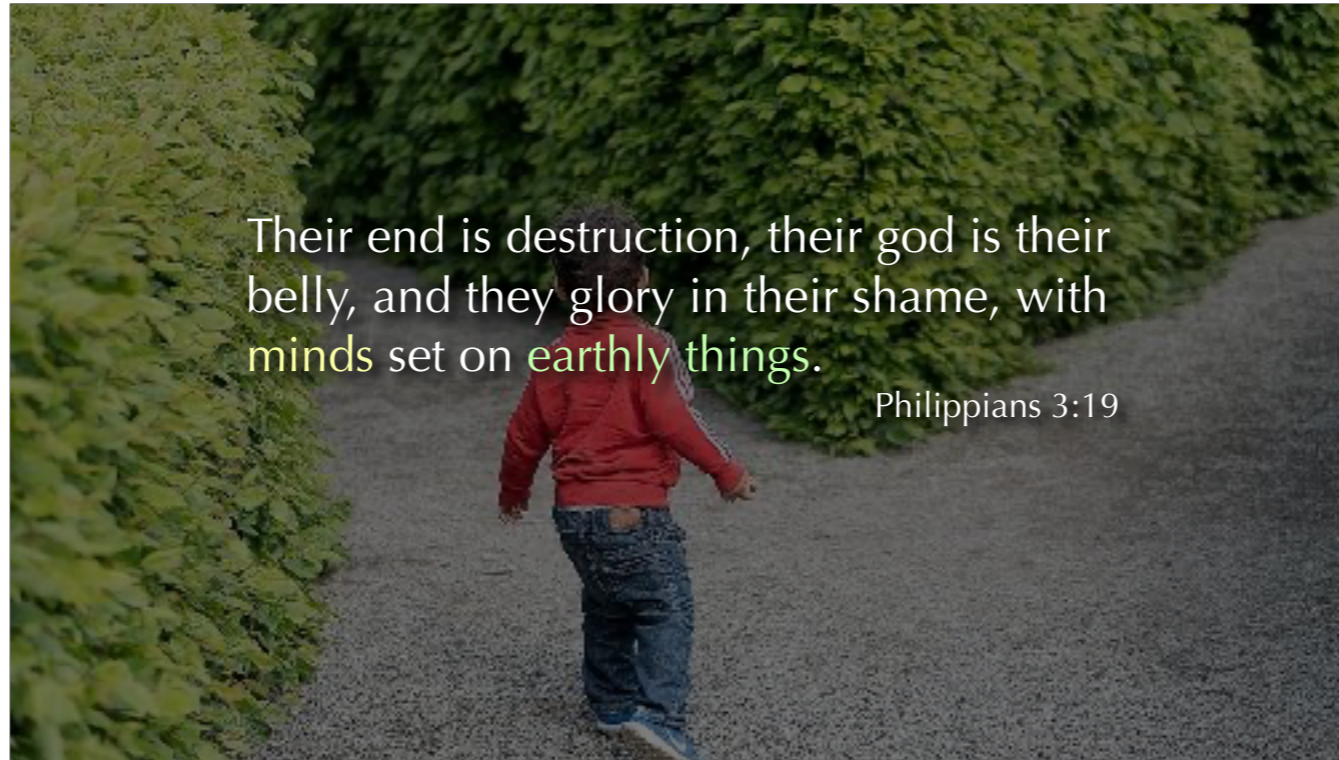
- Matthew 16:24 (ESV) 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”
 - This is no longer “childish” thinking.
- Jesus would literally take up his cross and die upon it.
 - It was because he was thinking of God’s plan
 - Sacrifice himself for others to be saved.



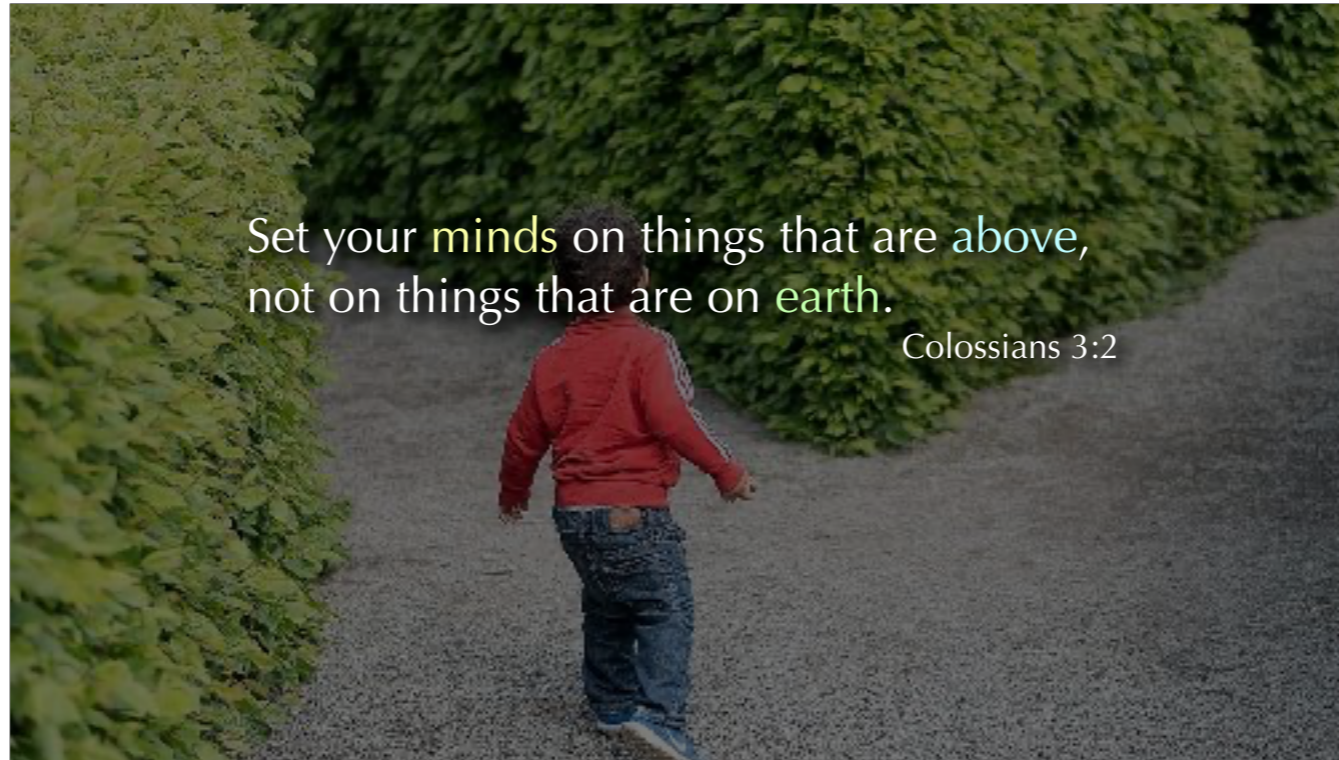
- He asks the same of us.
 - deny myself
 - take up cross
 - follow
- Three passages help us understand...



- Romans 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
 - Things of the flesh: sin, death
 - Romans 8:7-8 (ESV) 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is **hostile** to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh **cannot please God**.
 - Things of the spirit: righteousness
 - 13: put to death the deeds of the body; slavery; fear
 - Sons; children of God; heirs.



- Philippians 3:19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.
 - v. 18: walk as enemies of the cross of Christ
- Our citizenship is in heaven
 - await a savior
 - transform bodies: like his glorious body



- Colossians 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
- Above
 - v. 1: where Christ is seated
- Earthly: put to death: Col. 3.5-9: list of sins ... selfishness
- Above:
 - These are not a list of theological doctrines/issues
 - Rather the proper treatment of others: love, forgiveness, forbearance, kindness
 - Word of Christ dwell in you.
 - Do all in the name of the Lord
 - not just “correct” worship.
 - rather treatment of brethren too



- Setting your mind:
 - man, flesh, earthly thing, on earth
 - God, spirit, above
- What does this mean practically in my life?
 - Three passages to help us: Romans 12:14-18; 15:5-7; Philippians 2:2-5ff



- Euodia and Syntyche: And Us
 - Their struggle is not made clear.
 - Were both of them being fleshly minded? Or just one?
 - It's not that simple.
- Where are you setting your mind?
 - It's not that it's on one setting all the time: spirit or flesh
 - Rather, it's more like a dial that moves back and forth depending on the moment.
- How can we learn ... especially during our difficult moments ... to agree with one another?
- Three passages will help us to explore our harmony in Christ.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Set Your Mind

Matthew 16:23

Synopsis: What does it mean to have your mind set on the things of man (flesh) or things of God (spirit)? Euodia and Syntyche are encouraged to agree (be of the same mind); Peter's mind is on the things of man. How do we move on from childish thought to mature mindedness?

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