

**Start Presentation**

## **Philippians 2:1-4**

**1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,**

**2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

**3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.**

**4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.**

## Philippians 2:4

**4 Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and in what they are doing. [TLB]**

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**4 Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. [MSG]**

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**4 Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too. [ERV]**

# Empathy

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the ability to understand and share the feelings of another

**Empathy That Honors**

## **1 Peter 3:7**

**7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.**

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**7 In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.**

## **Ephesians 5:28-29**

**28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.**

**29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.**

**Empathy That Understands**

## **2 Timothy 2:23-26**

**23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.**

**24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,**

**25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,**

**26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.**

## **Galatians 6:1-2**

**1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.**

**2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**

**God's Empathy For You**

## Hebrews 4:14-16

**14 Inasmuch then as we have a great High Priest Who has [already] ascended and passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession [of faith in Him].**

**15 For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning.**

**16 Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it]. [AMP]**

## Hebrews 2:17-18

**17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

**18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.**

**18 For because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering]. [AMP]**

## **Job 9:32-35**

**32 "For He is not a man, as I am,  
That I may answer Him,  
And that we should go to court together.**

**33 Nor is there any mediator between us,  
Who may lay his hand on us both.**

**34 Let Him take His rod away from me,  
And do not let dread of Him terrify me.**

**35 Then I would speak and not fear Him,  
But it is not so with me.**

## **Matthew 11:28-30**

**28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.**

**29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am  
gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your  
souls.**

**30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”**

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- **Empathy That Honors**
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**The End**