



Pursue Fellowship in the Local Assembly

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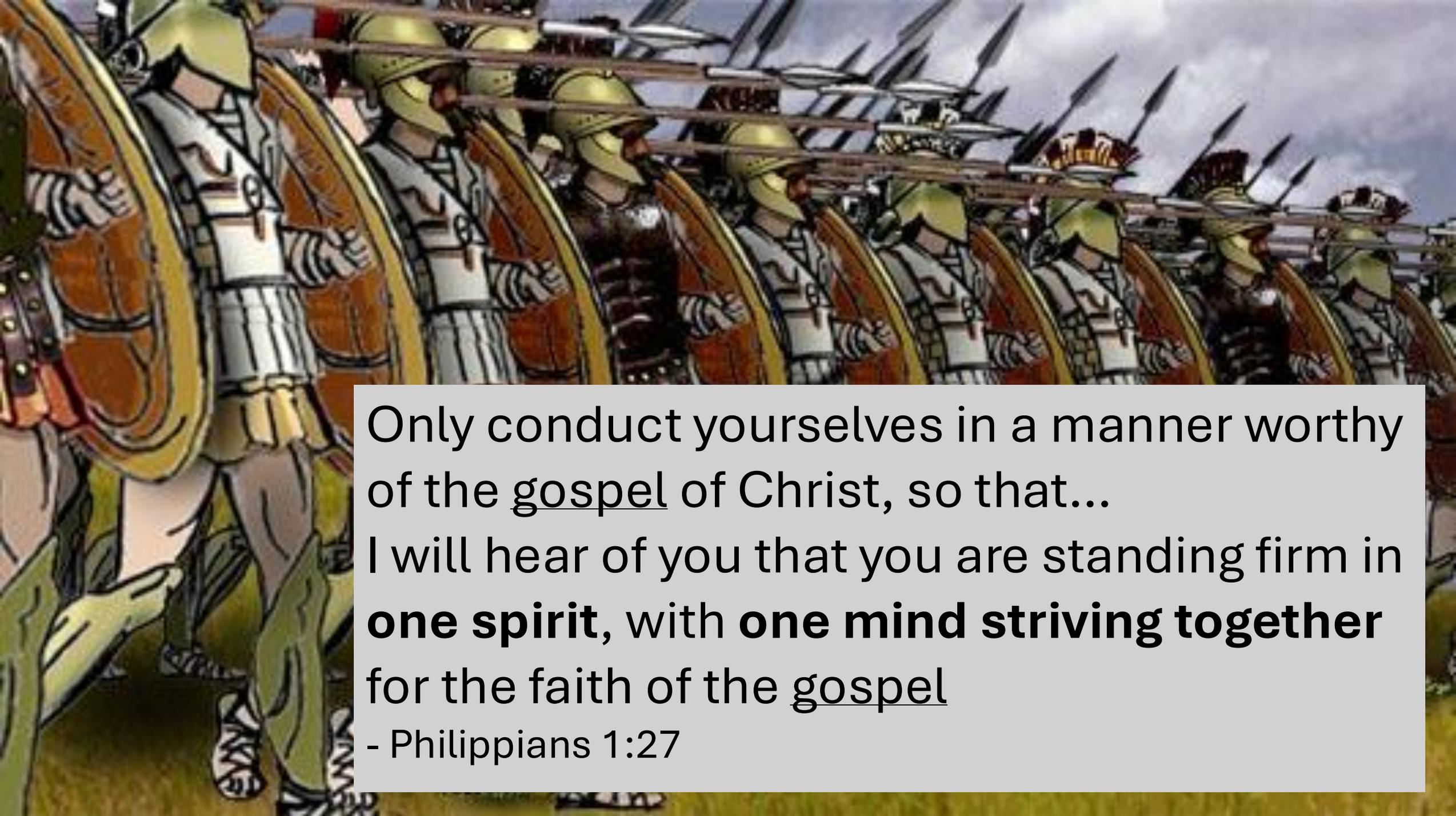
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Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that...

I will hear of you that you are standing firm in **one spirit**, with **one mind striving together** for the faith of the gospel

- Philippians 1:27

“Band of Brothers”



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Having gifts that differ... let us use them...

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

- *Romans 12:6a, 9-13*



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Romans 16

Fellow-workers

- **Know names**
- **Use affectionate terms**
- **Appreciate what others' do** to bless the saints
- **Avoid enabling** disruptive people
- **Encourage inter-assembly and inter-generational** fellowship

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rich, **vital**, vibrant, personal, practical connection



Our vision of church life should include “fellowship”

➔ How can I nurture this body life of love to abound even more?