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Phil. 4:2

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- Negative experiences within the Lord's church are inevitable.
- How do we handle it when someone disappoints us or hurts our feelings?
- In order to move past negative church experiences, we need to.....

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- Avoid unrealistic expectations of your fellow Christians.
  - God's earthly kingdom is not peopled with perfect citizens but is a community of sinners.
  - Faith is not a magic wand that produces members without faults.

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- **Avoid unrealistic expectations of your fellow Christians. (cont.)**
  - Families at odds
  - Visitors ignored
  - Sinful behaviors
  - Acts 15:36-41
  - Eph. 4:25-32
  - Col. 3:12-13
  - I Thess. 5:12

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- **Work through our pain/anger and forgive.**
  - Matt. 18:21-35
- **Accept the fact that chaos still disrupts God's world.**
  - Rom. 8:22-25; 38-39
- **Help promote a healthy Christian community.**
  - Matt. 18:15-20