

A Ukuba yisakhamuzi sasezulwini:

❖ Lingisa abathembekile (Filipi 3:17-19)

- Sonke silabantu abalolonga ukuphila kwethu loba imicabango yethu ngendlela-thile. Mhlawumbe umculi, umgijimi, owezomculo, umhlabelisi. Mhlawumbe umfundisi, umtshumayeli, umzalwane loba udade othembekileyo.
- Kungabe laba bantu "bayisibonelo" basisizile ukuthi sikhule njengabantu ngabanye, loba basiholele ezindleleni obekungafanele sizizame?
- UPawulu usimema ukuba silingise labo izibonelo zabo ezisikhuthazayo futhi ezisikhuthaza ukuba sibe ngcono (Fil. 3:17). Uyasixwayisa futhi ukuthi, laphakathi kwamakholwa, kulabantu abangafanele ukulingiswa (Fil. 3:18-19).
- Yini eyenza umehluko? Abanye bacabanga ngezinto zasemhlabeni kuphela, kanti abanye bacabanga ngoJesu. Izibonelo ezinhle, lazo, zilingisa uKristu (1Kor. 11:1).

❖ Ukuba isakhamuzi esigcwele (Filipi 3:20-21)

- Ake sibhekane lakho. Thina maKrestu silohlupho: ubuzwe obubabili. Sobabili siyizakhamuzi zaleli zwe lezakhamuzi zasezulwini. Lokhu kudala ukungqubuzana okukhulu kithi (Roma 7:22-23).
- Sizobuthola nini ubuzwe obugcwele? Sizayekela nini ukuba yizakhamuzi zaleli zwe elilesono? Ekubuyeni Kwesibili (Flp. 3:20).
- Lapho sivuswa (loba siguqulwa), futhi ukufa kungabi lamandla phezu kwethu, kuzokwenzekani?
 - (1) Sizaba lomzimba wenyama, lamehlo ethu azabona uNkulunkulu (Jobe 19:25-27)
 - (2) Imizimba yethu izoba ngeyakomoya, engafiyo, futhi engonakaliyo (1 Kor. 15:42-44, 50-54)
 - (3) Sizakhazimuliswa (Kol. 3:4; Flp. 3:21)

B Kuze sifike lapho:

❖ Ukuvumelana lokujabula (Filipi 4:1-6)

- Ephetha incwadi yakhe, uPawulu uhlanganisa ukbingelela kwakhe uqobo leseluleko esilusizo. Ucela uSizigus [umngane othembekileyo] loClement ukuba basize u-Evodiya loSintike baphile ngokuvumelana. Kubo bonke, izisebenzi ezikanye loPawulu, uthi: “Amagama abo aselotshiwe kudala encwadini yokuphila” (Fil. 4:2-3).
- Iseluleko esilandelayo singahle sidideke: “Jabulani ngaso sonke isikhathi [...] Lingakhathazeki ngalutho” (Fil. 4:4, 6). Lokhu kungenzeka kanjani ezweni eligcwele izndubo lenhlupheko?
- Lokhu kungenzeka ngoba injabulo yethu “iseNkosini” (Flp. 4:4a). Siphosa inkathazo zethu kuYe, siqiniseka ukuthi angasithwala (Mat. 6:31-34; 1 Pet. 5:7).
- Futhi siziphosa njani izinkathazo zethu kuJesu? Ngomthandazo (Fil. 4:6).

❖ Imicabango ehlanzekileyo (Filipi 4:7-9)

- Umphumela wokuphosa izinkathazo zethu kuJesu lokujabula ukuthula (Fil. 4:7). Ukuthula izwe elingeke likuphe loba likuthathe (Johane 14:27; 16:33).
- Lokhu kuthula, ngokukaPawulu, kuzoba yisivikelo—umlindi—wemizwa lemicabango yethu (Fil. 4:7b). Ukuze lo olindayo aphumelele, yiziphi izinto okufanele sicabange ngazo (Fil. 4:8)?
 - (1) Kulokho okuliqiniso; kulokho okuqotho; kulokho okulungileyo; kulokho okuhlanzekileyo; kulokho okuthandekayo; kulokho okulodumo oluhle
 - (2) Ngamafitshane: “Uma kukhona okuhle, uma kukhona okufanele ukubongwa, zindlani ngalokho” (Fil. 4:8b).

❖ Ukwaneliseka (Filipi 4:10-13, 19)

- Siyajabula; akukho okusikhathazayo; silokuthula; imicabango yethu ihlanzekile. Sinempilo ephela futhi eyanelisayo...
- loba thina?
- Singase sibe lokuchuma; singase sibe lezidingo loba izinkinga. Uma, njengoPawulu, sitesiqinisekiso esigcwele sokuthi uNkulunkulu uqondisa ukuphila kwethu, sizahlala siqiniseka Kuye kungakhathaliseki ukuthi isimo sethu sinjani (Fil. 4:11-12, 19).
- Njengo-Aguri, sithemba ukuthi uNkulunkulu ngeke asinike okungaphezu kwalokho okuzuzisa thina (IzA. 30:8-9).
- Uma siphila lalokhu kuqiniseka, siyaqiniseka ukuthi “ngingenza zonke izinto ngoKristu ongiqinisekayo” (Flp. 4:13).
- Kwenzekani lapho singelakho esicabanga ukuthi siyakudinga?
- Masikucele eNkosini, futhi uma kungokwentando Yayo, izosinika yona (Jakobe 4:2b; 1 Johane 5:14-15).
- Asazi njalo ukuthi esikucelayo kuvumelana nentando yakhe yini, kodwa kunezicelo ezithile esiqiniseka ngazo ukuthi zivumelana nentando yakhe ngaso sonke isikhathi.