

Series: PHILIPPIANS -- FULLY ALIVE: JOY THAT WORKS

Message: Work It Out

Text: Philippians 2:12-18 (CSB)

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Big idea: God works IN us so His life shines THROUGH us.

HOW DO YOU LIVE OUT YOUR SALVATION?

What does the life of Jesus look like in your ordinary decisions?

1. OBEYING WITH GOD'S STRENGTH

Philippians 2:12-13 CSB ¹² *Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always **obeyed**, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**.* ¹³ *For it is **God who is working in you both to will and to work** according to his good purpose.*

- **Explanation:** "Work out" does not mean *earn*. We are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). Paul is addressing people he calls dear friends, urging them to **live out** what God is doing **within them**. "Fear and trembling" gives that response seriousness and reverence.

2. SHINING THROUGH GRACIOUS WORDS AND ACTIONS.

Philippians 2:14-16 ¹⁴ ***Do everything without grumbling and arguing**,* ¹⁵ *so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you **shine like stars** in the world,* ¹⁶ *by **holding firm to the word of life**. Then I can boast in the day of Christ that I didn't run or labor for nothing.*

3. REJOICING TOGETHER AS WE POUR OURSELVES OUT

Philippians 2:17-18 ¹⁷ *But even if I am **poured out** as a drink offering on the sacrificial service of your faith, I am **glad** and **rejoice with** all of you.* ¹⁸ *In the same way you should also be **glad** and **rejoice with** me.*

- **Explanation:** Paul does not call suffering pleasant. He rejoices that his life can be given in service to Jesus and to people he loves.

NEXT STEP: Pray daily, "Jesus, work in me today. Show me one way to obey You and encourage or serve others."