

Series: Joy Unbound  
Passage: Philippians 2:12-18  
Sunday: October 12, 2025

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## Philippians 2:12-18 (ESV)

### Lights in the World

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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1. For each week of this series, we will start with the same question: where did you experience joy in your walk with Jesus this week?
2. What does Paul mean when he says, “work out your own salvation?” How does verse 13 clarify God’s work in that process?
3. When Paul uses the phrase “fear and trembling,” he means “utter seriousness.” What are the practical implications of this for our lives and how we live?

