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

Philippians 2:12-18 (ESV)

Lights in the World

¹² 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, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

| 1. | For each week of this series, we will start with the same question: where did you experience |
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| | joy in your walk with Jesus this week? |
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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?





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| 4. | What might the Philippians church have been "grumbling or disputing" about? What are things in our lives that cause "grumbling or disputing?" |
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| 5. | How can you shine as a light to the world? Share an example of a way to shine Jesus' light? |
| 6. | What is the world of life? How can we "hold fast" to it? |
| 7. | Reflect on a time when you felt God's work in you. In light of the rest of the passage, how did it impact your actions and decision? How does God's work in you help you live out Paul's instructions in this passage? |
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