

Philippians: Finding Joy Right Where You Are!

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Phil. 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now 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 do for His good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. ¹⁷ Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

Key Point

God is working in us to cause us to grow, but we are still responsible to *“mine”* the treasures of our salvation.

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- When it comes to grumbling and complaining, each one of us has personal stories they can share. What kinds of things draw you in to grumbling or complaining?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What does our passage tell us both of what God’s expectations are of us, as well as what we can expect from God? What is God’s part in our ongoing transformation to become like Jesus? What’s our part?
- Kyle mentioned three theological terms that highlight aspects of our salvation: Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification. What is involved in each of these things?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Where do you see growth and progress in “working out” what God has “worked in” your life?
- Where do you most need to focus your effort and energy to allow Christ to be glorified in you and through you?

Godliness	Speech
Attitude	Boldness
Humility	Other:
- Who do you know who needs to come to know Christ that you can be a light to?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Ask God that He would continue working in you to help you do all things without murmuring or complaining. Pray that God would help you be a light of the gospel to those around you who are far from God, especially those you know

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Decide this week that you will not grumble or complain and let someone know that you will be working on this in your life.