

# [PHILIPPIANS]

## AN UNCOMMON JOY

### *An Appeal to Obedience*

**The Big Question:** How do we respond to the amazing depth of Christ's love?

Answer: OBEDIENCE

What does obedience look like?

1) Work out your own SALVATION by God's enabling POWER.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV) <sup>12</sup> *Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*

- Continue to work out your salvation – We can only work out our salvation because God is already at work within us.
- **Working out your salvation is the community's intentional response to God's gracious action in Christ on their behalf.**
- FEAR and TREMBLING – This is not an idea of dread, nor anxious fear or uncertainty concerning salvation, rather these words point to reverence and awe.

2) **Live as God's HOLY PEOPLE** in a dark world.

Philippians 2:14-16 (NIV) <sup>14</sup> *Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.*

- Do everything without complaining and arguing.
- Blameless and pure children of God equals holy integrity, which shines among them like stars in the sky.
- Hold firmly to the Word of Life, steadfast in opposition, remembering the **depth of Christ's love and being obedient.**

The Big Takeaway: We must keep WORKING OUT what God WORKS IN.

#### Life Groups

Scriptures that Relate:

Monday: Psalm 130  
Tuesday: Psalm 131

Wednesday: Psalm 132  
Thursday: Psalm 133

Friday: Psalm 134  
Saturday: Psalm 135

Talk it Over:

1. What does living out the Gospel in a manner worthy of Jesus mean to you?
2. How do we work out our salvation?
3. Explain a reverence and awe for God. What does that look like?
4. **Who do you know that represents a "star" that shines brightly in our world?**
5. Why are authentic caring relationships such a challenge to carry out?

#### Pastor Nathan's Prayer Requests

Monday: Pray for the church leadership as they prayerfully lead us.

Tuesday: Pray for Pastor Brian as he prepares the message God is giving him.

Wednesday: Pray for our discipleship classes and life groups.

Thursday: **Pray for the Worship Arts department as we plan to deliver God's Word through art.**

Friday: Pray for the youth and children in our church to be an impact to the people around them.

Saturday: Pray for our weekend services and those attending.