

CHOOSE Joy

CHOOSE LISTENING

Philippians 1:6, 2:12 – 18 (ESV)

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MESSAGE NOTES

- **Joyfully work out what God is working in you**

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, ... – Philippians 2:12 (ESV)

... for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. – Philippians 2:13 (ESV)

Jesus answered, "The most important is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. – Mark 12:29 (ESV)

- **Joyfully shine out what God is working in you**

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 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, ... – Philippians 2:14 – 15 (ESV)

And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. – Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

- **Joyfully live out what God is working in you**

... 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. – Philippians 2:16 (ESV)

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. – Ephesians 6:14 – 15 (ESV)

- **Joyfully pour out what God is working in you**

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. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. – Philippians 2:17 – 18 (ESV)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Share one of the most unexpected places you have discovered the joy of the Lord.
- Share what you "*heard*" from the Word of God this Sunday? What was one of your main takeaways?
- Read Nehemiah 8:10. What is the message of this verse? Where in your life is God asking you to trust Him for His joyful strength?
- Read Philippians 2:12 – 13. What does it mean to "*work out what God is working in you*"? Why does it involve an attitude of "*fear and trembling*" before God?
- How is God asking you to "*pour out*" your life for Him in this season?
- Why does "*gratefulness*" often precede experiencing the joy of the Lord? How would you describe the journey to experiencing the joy of God?
- Read Philippians 1:6. Try to say it out loud from memory to someone near you. What is the promise of God in Philippians 1:6?
- Pray for one another to have ears that "*hear*" God's Word.