



Series: Humility

Lesson: Joyful Christian Community

Passage: Philippians 2:12–18

Context from 2:1–11 –

- **‘Work out your _____ with fear and trembling’
(vv12–13)**

¹²So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

- ‘So then’ –
- ‘Work out your salvation’ (cf. Phil. 1:28; Rom. 4:5; Rom. 10:10; Eph. 2:8–9; 1 Thess. 5:9) –
- ‘With fear and trembling’ –
- Why/how can we do this? –

- **'Do _____ without grumbling or disputing' (vv14–16)**

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

- Witnessing by doing what the world cannot do on its own (cf. John 17:20–23) –

- Encouraging those of the faith –

- **'Rejoice...and rejoice _____' (vv17–18)**

¹⁷But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. ¹⁸You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

- Why Paul doesn't care about the cost –

- Why Paul wants them to rejoice as he does –

What do we do with this text?

1. Live as a community in a way that shows _____.

2. Rejoice that we fulfill _____. (cf. Rom. 12:15; Phil. 3:7–8)

3. DON'T _____. (cf. 1 Pet. 4:8)

Blanks: salvation, all things, with me, salvation, God's plan, GRUMBLE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How is God calling you to 'work out your salvation' (make it more evident) in your own life right now? How about in how you function as a part of your church?
2. When are you most tempted to grumble? How can you combat this?
3. How should you find joy in humility? How can that help you to stay humbler in the future?
4. How does knowing that we are fulfilling God's plan help you to live faithfully despite circumstances?
5. How do you think God is calling EastPointe to grow to be more like Christ as a church in 2024? Pray about it!

