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Joy in the Journey: A Study of Philippians

The Will to Work Out - Philippians 2:12-18 Dan Miller

"Even when there is nothing to do there is someone to be."

-Larry Crabb

v. 12

Matthew 28:18-20

People do not do what you ______. They do what you ______.

Interdependent disciples – always _____, always _____, always _____

Ephesians 2:8-9

Colossians 2:6

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

"We are powerless to achieve that for which fulfills us. But it does lie within our power to open ourselves to ______."

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Vs. 13

Philippians 1:6

Vs. 14-16

Vs. 17-18

Table Talk

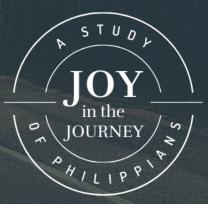
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- 2. If your Christian walk was like a gym membership, where would you be right now?
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 - I'm a member, but I haven't started going yet.
 - I went for a while but stopped because I'm busy.
 - I'm familiar with the equipment but need someone to show me how to use it.
 - Feeling buff! Seeing the benefits of discipline.
- 3. How would you define "grace"? In what areas of life besides the spiritual does grace apply? In which area do you need to extend grace to yourself? To others?
- 4. What are some of the evidences that this is a crooked and perverse generation? How can we shine as stars in it?
- 5. What is your main takeaway from this morning?

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 v. 12 – So 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 own salvation with fear and trembling;



Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

People do not do what you <u>expect</u>. They do what you <u>inspect</u>.



Goal: Interdependent disciples – always learning, always learning from each other.



Ephesians 2:8-9... For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, that no one should boast.



Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we should walk in them.



Colossians 2:6 Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,



1 Corinthians 3:6-7 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.





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-James Finley





Vs. 13 – for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.





Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.



Vs. 14-16 Do all things without complaining or arguments; so 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, holding fast the word of life, so that on the day of Christ I can take pride because I did not / run in vain nor labor in vain.

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Vs. 17-18 – But 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. You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.



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