

God at Work  
Phil. 1:6  
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Introduction

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**“God at Work”**  
**(Phil. 4:6)**

Chatting with a Missionary couple yesterday morning: (Keith\* & Krissy\*)

- They live in a country hostile to Gospel -
- Talking about how govt officials have been threatening to ask them to leave the country.
- They are a threat because this country is afraid of people who are followers of Christ.
- They have been able to delay their interviews with the government because Keith\* has had covid. (he’s better now).
- I told them what passage we would be looking at today...
- Krissy\* responded: that’s a really special passage to me. My heart was touched by that passage years ago- and I began to see it as a “life verse”
  - Note: do you have life verses? Verses that become special, sometimes because of problems, and the verse goes so deeply into your soul that it becomes a verse you think of often-- and you see how it shapes your life?
  - The passage we are going to look at today is a “life verse” for Krissy\* --- and it’s a life verse for me.
- When we talked about their challenges (Covid, possibly being asked to leave their friends who are new followers of Christ)
- Krissy\* said: This verse is so comforting-- because it reminds me that God is a work - even when I don’t understand what He’s about to do next.

The apostle Paul wrote this verse while he was in jail because he was following Christ. But listen to his confidence in God when he begins this letter.

I’d like to challenge you today... that maybe this should become a “life verse” for you ... and just like Krissy\* it can....

Comfort you and Challenge you at the same time.

Let’s read it together: Note for Graphics: Verse on Screen

**“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.”**  
**(Phil 1:6)**

Transition:

Let’s take some time to look at this verse and see

- how to recognize God’s work in our daily lives
- How to cooperate with His work (when it happens)?

**Let’s start by asking this simple question:**

**1. Do I believe that God is at work in my life every day?**

- Can you see how God is working in your life today?
- Do you have problems that seem to consume you?
  - Discourage you, take over your mind (pessimism)
- Or, are you consumed in reaching your goals--
  - Not really worried about seeing God work.
  - Too much work to do on your own?
    - Like you don’t need God to work.

## 2. Do I know that God:

- finished a work for me and
- started a work in me?

- Finished work:
  - Just for unjust. (1 Peter 3:18)
  - Righteous for unrighteous (bring us to God)
  - B/c sin for us-righteous in Him (2 Cor. 5:21)
- Started a work in me
  - Lydia (first convert in Philippi (Acts 16:14)

## 3. Do I recognize God's Spirit at work in me?

- Holy Spirit who lives in me (Rom 8:14-16)
- Holy Spirit leads me; (Gal. 5:25)
- Will and to work for His good pleasure (Phil 2:12-13)

*“...for it is God who works in you,  
both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”  
(Phil 2:13)*

## 4. Where should I look to see God at work in my life?

- His Word
- Relationships
- Circumstances

## 5. What changes when I am noticing God working in me?

- Acceptance
- Hunger
- Destiny
- Anticipation
- Others (not myself)

## 6. What causes me to lose sight of His working?

- Unconfessed sin
- Pride
- Materialism
- Misplaced focus

## 7. How do I restore my confidence that God is at Work?

- Humble yourself
- Draw near (James 4:7-8)

**Conclusion:** Yesterday, Krissy\* said:

“...we’ve been worrying about what will happen if we have to leave. But we know that Christ is the one that started the work in their hearts. And, He will keep working in them if we have to leave--- or if we get to stay.”

### Summary of Graphics

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