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Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

I'm Working

How have I worked for you? That is a question that I am very happy to answer. You came into this world for me. You lived and died for me. You paid for my sins on the cross. You forgave all my sin. You cleansed me of all my unrighteousness. You rescued me from a life without you. You made me able to live in a close and intimate relationship with you. You filled me with your Holy Spirit as both a sign and guarantee of my new life now and forever in you. You have given me a new life to live. You have given me hope and meaning and purpose in life. I have a new direction in life. **What is that direction?** I will follow you as you lead me through life. I will go where you guide me. I will do all that you ask of me. **Yes, you will.**

How have I worked in you? That is another question that I am excited to answer. You have changed my heart and transformed my mind. **How have I done that? Am I done changing your heart and transforming your mind?** No, you are not finished with me yet, not by a long shot. You will continue to change my heart and transform my mind until the day that I come to live forever in heaven with you. **Yes, I will. Tell me more about how I have been changing your heart and transforming your mind.** You have used your word to change my heart and transform my mind. Your word has given me your thoughts to think and feelings to feel. Your word has helped me to both know and do your will. **How so?** As I have let your word dwell in me richly my old thoughts and ways have been replaced with your thoughts and ways. Now, it is my delight to know and do your will because I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. **Yes, you do.**

How have I worked through you? This question also gives me great joy to be able to answer. **Why is that?** It is astounding to know, that you, the God of the universe, want to work through me. I am humbled. I am in awe. I am at your service. Use me whenever, wherever and however you desire. Nothing would please me more than to be used by you. Use me in small ways. Use me in large ways. Use me in any way. It will be enough for me to know that I have been used by you. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom. I want to bring glory to your name. **Yes, you will.**

Lord, thank you for rescuing me from a life without you. You are my Savior and Lord. I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will follow you where you lead me. I will do all that you ask of me. Help me to live out my life of salvation in you. Amen

Therefore *Work Out Your Salvation*

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NIV Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore *Work Hard To Show The Results Of Your Salvation*

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

NLT Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore *Work Out Your Own Salvation*

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

NRSV Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore *Work Out Your Own Salvation*

Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ). [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

AMP Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore *Work Out Your Salvation*

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 salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

NASB Philippians 2:12-13

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ESV Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore *Work Out Your Own Salvation*

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NKJV Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore *Be Energetic In Your Life Of Salvation*

What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.

MSG Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore *Do The Good Things That Result From Being Saved.*

Dearest friends, when I was there with you, you were always so careful to follow my instructions. And now that I am away you must be even more careful to do the good things that result from being saved, obeying God with deep reverence, shrinking back from all that might displease him. For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants.

TLB Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore *Complete Your Salvation*

My dear friends, you have always obeyed God when I was with you. It is even more important that you obey now while I am away from you. Keep on working to complete your salvation with fear and trembling, because God is working in you to help you want to do and be able to do what pleases him.

NCV Philippians 2:12-13

Work Out Your Salvation

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Therefore – Philippians 2-12-13

In Context: *Read Philippians 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, thank you for rescuing me from a life without you. You are my Savior and Lord. I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will follow you where you lead me. I will do all that you ask of me. Help me to live out my life of salvation in you. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What is the difference between working for and working out your salvation?

Why can you never earn or merit your salvation in Jesus Christ by working for it?

How did Jesus Christ secure your salvation and make it available to you as a gift?

What work has Jesus Christ done in you since you started following Him as your Savior and Lord?

What work has the Lord accomplished through you as a result of His purpose and plans?

How are the results of your salvation crystal clear and startling obvious to everyone who knows you?

How has the Lord's work for you, in you and through you been attractive enough for others to desire?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow the Lord to work for you, in you and through you as you follow Him as your Savior and Lord.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord has and will continue to work for you, in you and through you as you follow Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are energetically living out your life of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you do the good things that the Lord leads you to do as a result of your salvation.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to good things in and through me as a result of my salvation.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want to do in and through me today as a result of my salvation?
