

Living Courageously

25-Day Devotional on Philippians

WEEK 3

DAY 11

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for the weekend with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 2:12-14 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- Have you ever been a “performer”? (That is, acted like a better Christian around certain people or even at church.) How did you feel about that?
- Explain why you think love, obedience and servanthood are the marks of our salvation in Christ.
- How do you practice obedience to Jesus when no one is around to keep you accountable? (v. 12)

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction. Here are some more questions to consider:

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

DIGGING DEEPER (Optional)

- What do you think you should do when you don't feel like obeying the Lord?
- The words, **your own**, in the phrase, **work out your own salvation**, are plural (v.12). In these words, we find the Christian life was not meant to be lived out alone. What does it look like to you to be part of a community of believers?
- What would you say is God's **good purpose** (or **pleasure**) for your life? (v.13)
- Understanding that Paul wrote to the Philippians about their potential traps of complaining and arguing, how do you suppose the church today should face these issues?
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?

