

Living Courageously

25-Day Devotional on Philippians

WEEK 3

DAY 12

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 11 with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 2:15-18 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- We can't ignore the fact that we live in a **warped** and **crooked** world, but where have you seen or experienced God's presence and joy? (v. 15)
- What has been your experience in **holding out the Word of Life** (The Bible/Gospel) to others? (v. 16)
- Paul invites the Philippians to join him in **being joyful** during hard times. How can you apply that to your present situation? (v. 18)

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)

- In verse 15, Paul called followers of Jesus as well as the church to be **blameless** (beyond reproach) and **pure** (innocent). How can you play a significant role through your life to help the church remain strong in its actions and steadfast in the Truth, while being exhibiting grace?
- How do you truly live in this world (**shine like stars**), but not be of this world (**holding firmly...**)? (v. 16)
- How do you go about experiencing gladness and joy in a world that disappoints in so many ways? (v. 18)
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?

