

A full-page background image featuring a gnarled, ancient-looking pine tree with a thick, twisted trunk and green needles. The tree is growing out of a rocky, mossy cliff edge. In the foreground, there are some fallen yellow and orange leaves. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text 'PHILIPPIANS' and 'INDOMITABLE JOY' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

PHILIPPIANS

INDOMITABLE JOY

OCTOBER 18, 2026



WELCOME

The Bible tells us that God's desire is for us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others. So naturally, at RCC it is our mission to encourage people to **Enjoy God Together!**

Want To Know More?

We are so thrilled that you decided to join us this Sunday! If you'd like to learn more about who we are and what we believe, **scan the QR code for more info & registration:**



GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 10/14/26, our giving vs. budget is:

	October 2026	Fiscal YTD
Forecasted Giving	\$232,500	\$757,500
Actual Giving	\$199,194	\$1,136,166
Deficit/Excess Generosity	--	\$378,666

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.



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SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Philippians 2:12-13

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Fear, Trembling & Grace
Philippians 2:12-13
Chris Ward - October 18, 2026

A Command (v. 12a):

An Attitude (v. 12b):

The Reason (v. 13):

Application:

1.

2.

NOTES:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Philippians 2:12-13

For the week of October 18, 2026

A Big Idea: *Because God is at work within us, we can actively pursue spiritual growth with humble dependence on Him.*

What Does It Say? (Training us to read the text carefully)

1. In verse 12, Paul begins with the word “therefore.” Looking back at verses 5–11, how does Christ’s example of humility and obedience connect to the command Paul gives the Philippians?
2. Paul tells believers to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” What does this command mean, and how is it different from working for our salvation?
3. In verse 13, what does Paul say God is doing within believers? What is the significance of God working in both our “will” and our “work”?
4. Notice how Paul connects our responsibility in verse 12 with God’s activity in verse 13. What does this reveal about the relationship between God’s power and our effort in spiritual growth?

How Is It Expressed At RCC? (Growing in the heart and habits of faith)

1. Spiritual growth requires intentional effort, yet we are completely dependent on God’s grace. Where do you tend to lean more toward self-reliance or passivity in your relationship with God?
2. God is at work not only in what we do, but also in what we desire. Where have you seen God changing your desires, affections, or motivations as you’ve grown in your faith?
3. Paul calls believers to pursue obedience with “fear and trembling.” How can we grow in taking our spiritual growth seriously without losing the joy and assurance we have in Christ?
4. If God is faithfully working within us, what does it look like to actively participate in that work?

GET CONNECTED

Fill out our online connection card

We will touch base with you and see how we can help you become connected with our community!



JOIN A LIFE GROUP

Life is better in community

Together, we dig into the Word, unpack sermons, encourage one another and enjoy God together! Scan the code to learn more and get plugged in.



MEET THE STAFF

Get to know the team at RCC

Together, the staff serves to support RCC and to walk alongside our congregation with humility, prayer, and purpose.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

There's always something going on at RCC!

Scan the code to see all of our upcoming events so you can join in on the fun!



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