

Week 4: Work In Progress

In Philippians 2:12–30, Paul challenges us to work out our salvation as God works in us. Spiritual maturity doesn't happen passively; it happens progressively. Through Paul's example, as well Timothy, and Epaphroditus, we discover that genuine spiritual growth isn't measured by how much we know about Jesus, but by how much our lives look like Him. As we learn to put others before ourselves, we discover the unshakeable joy that comes from living like Jesus. The question we must ask ourselves is simple: Am I becoming more like Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

1. Paul tells us to "work out your own salvation" because God is already working in us (v.12–13). How do we balance our responsibility to pursue spiritual growth with our dependence on God's grace? What happens when we emphasize one without the other?

2. Spiritual maturity is our responsibility.. Where have you experienced genuine spiritual growth over the past year? Where have you become comfortable or stagnant, and what might need to change??

3. Paul commands us to do everything without grumbling or arguing (vv. 14–16). Why do you think our reactions when things don't go our way reveal so much about our spiritual maturity? How might our attitudes affect the church's witness to the world?

4. Read Philippians 2:19-30. aWhat stands out to you about the examples Timothy and Epaphroditus ? What would it look like to practice that kind of humility and selflessness in your marriage, family, workplace, or relationships?

5. If you honestly evaluated your life today, where do you see yourself becoming more like Him, and where is there still a significant gap? What is one specific step of obedience you can take this week as you trust God to continue His work in you?