

KEEPING IT IN A SPLIT-APART TOGETHER WORLD

PHILIPPIANS: A LETTER FOR OUR TIMES

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Read Philippians 2:12-16

Paul encourages the Philippians to "work out" their salvation. He uses the same word in Romans 5:3 to say that suffering produces (works out) perseverance. Does that shed any light on what Paul is saying? What do you think he means by that?

In the Greek, the word for obedience has to do with listening. For Christians, that means being attentive to God's voice. What are the challenges in hearing him? Is there anything you feel he's been speaking to you about right now?

Review the story of the Israelites in Exodus 17:1-7. Thirst seems a legitimate need. Was it wrong of them to complain? Can you think of an example where you grumbled or argued with what God was asking you to do? What made you want to question it at the time?

The sermon said that if we are "blameless, pure...without fault" like Paul says, that implies we can live free from guilt, shame and fear. Do you find that a hard reality to live out? Why or why not?

Compare v. 15 to Daniel 12:3. What similarities do you see between the two as to what makes people shine like stars? Any differences?