

**Week 6: Phil. 2:12-30**  
Joy in Temptation

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**REBEL'S**  
GUIDE to JOY

Start by reading Phil. 2:12-30 for an overview of the passage.

**Context:**

Last week we were reminded of the humility of Christ submitting to death on a cross that will lead to the inevitable victorious exaltation of Jesus. We were encouraged to remember this as we live life together, by his example and empowered by the Holy Spirit. This week we will discuss what living such a life means to a crooked world and look at two examples of faithful believers.

**Light in a Dark World**

Read verses 12-23. Reacquaint yourself with Phil 2:5-11 as you begin.

What is the truth that motivates us to obedience?

What does it mean to “work out your salvation”? Support your answer with scripture.

What does it mean to do so with “fear and trembling”?

How do you reconcile God working in you in verse 13 with the command to work out your salvation in verse 12?

What work is God doing in you that you need to work out?

What does “grumbling and questioning” indicate about a person's heart?

Where have you found yourself grumbling and questioning that is ungodly?

How does verse 15 alter your understanding of the purpose of sanctification?

Read verse 17 and meditate on where God has called you to participate in gospel.

What are you currently pouring yourself out for? Where do you need to refocus your energy?

**Timothy**

Read verse 19-24 considering Timothy as an example of the person God has called us to be.

Where do you seek after the interest of Christ?

Where do you seek after your own interest?

Who has concern for your welfare in Christ?

Who do you pray for and encourage in their faith?

**Epaphroditus**

Read verse 25-30

Does your faith feel like work or soldiering? Why or why not?

How do you support those who labor for the gospel?

What men and women have inspired you with their service to Christ?

How can you honor them as Paul encourages?

**Reflection and Prayer**

*Take time this week to pray for the following:*

The Holy Spirit to convict us of our grumbling and contentious Spirit

For more role models like Timothy and Epaphroditus

Thankfulness for those that have labored for the Gospel

The strength to live lives that prove our worth to the Gospel

That we would pour our selves out for Jesus and nothing more