

Handout December 6, 2024

**Work Out Your Own Salvation**  
**Philippians 2:12-18**

Welcome Back and here we go!

Thank God for His grace and mercy. Cuz I'M A MESS! I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, there is no good thing in me. I wish I had better news!

Well actually, I do!

**Philippians 1:6**

1. God is not \_\_\_\_\_ with you \_\_\_\_\_.

I love that Philippians starts with an encouragement and a promise!

2. I am \_\_\_\_\_!

You are Okay.

**Philippians 2:12-18**

You know our last message before Thanksgiving was on *Philippians 2:1-11* and it was all about being humble and like-minded.

Remember, it was the intersection of JOY and LIKE-MINDED!

Paul says here, let's see the extension of all I just said by living out your faith, by becoming a light.

However, there's still this problem: I am still me!

**Genesis 6:1-8**

There is a whole different sermon to unpack there, but my point is this:

3. Every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ continually.

I know me. I know you.

I get angry. I say stupid things. I hurt the people I love. I lust. I covet things I shouldn't.

We are back to "I AM A MESS!"

Let me rephrase that:

4. I am a mess without \_\_\_\_\_!

Paul says work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

You know the “therefore” means---- because you have the mind of Christ.....

What does it mean to work out your own salvation?

Simply, all the things I listed before, all will hinder me from growth and Christian production. Especially, the way I think about it. It makes me NOT want to serve or read or have faith. Why would God do ANYTHING for me?

5. Work out your \_\_\_\_\_.

Not Mine. Not your Spouse’s. Not your Friend’s.

Work out ----- Diamonds -----

6. Do all things without \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Look: You are the light to so many. If you are unsure of yourself, or mixed up in sin, you will look just like the “*crooked and wicked generation*”.

***Ephesians 4:1-2 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love...***

Where is your struggle?

Work it out.

How can you ensure you are serving? POUR YOURSELF OUT!

- Give of yourself.
- Give of your time.
- Give of your emotional wealth.
- Give of your Spirit.

It’s the GIVING SEASON.

Be the LIGHT.

Give others HOPE by “*working out your salvation.*”

Where are your struggles? Is it alcohol, unforgiveness, jealousy, pride, hatred, lust, sex, drugs, bitterness, depression, loneliness, loss, bad relationships?

I am not suggesting it is easy.

I AM saying DON’T GIVE UP!

“I am Okay.” (OUT LOUD)

Don’t stop working. You can do it.

BE THE LIGHT.

