

Joy

THE BOOK OF
PHILIPPIANS

Joy: Shine Brightly

July 3rd & 4th

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Scripture: Philippians 2:12-16

God wants to be present even in the darkest and most difficult places to bring joy to your life.

“Joy is the serious business of Heaven.” - C.S. Lewis

March 2022 - [Study Trip to Greece](#)

[Philippians 2:12-13](#)

What does it mean to work out your salvation?

It does not say work FOR your salvation. It is about working OUT what God is working IN to your life.

It's not about EARNING your salvation. It is about EXERCISING your salvation. Putting your salvation on display. Letting the world see the work that God is doing inside of you.

Following Jesus means committing to a lifelong journey of:

- being a student of the WORDS of Jesus
- being an imitator of the WAYS of Jesus.
- partnering in the MISSION of Jesus.

Following Jesus means we learn to live our lives FROM Jesus.

What does it mean to fear God?

Fearing God means that we reverence God and we reference God in all that we say and do.

Reverencing God = recognize, acknowledge, honor who He is.

Referencing God = seek Him, trust Him, obey Him because He is our compass.

What does trembling mean? (work out your salvation with fear and trembling.)

[Psalm 2:11](#)

Trembling has less to do with dread and dismay, and more to do with excitement and anticipation!

[Philippians 2:14-16](#) - Shine like stars in the universe

[Genesis 1](#) - In the beginning God said let there be light.

[Daniel 12:3](#)

When you know that God's got you, you can SHINE!

[Matthew 5:15-16](#) - let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

YOUR MISSION - to shine brightly in your generation.

As we work out what Jesus is working in us, we reflect His character more perfectly, we proclaim His message more boldly, and we give a brighter vision of God and who He is to the world around us. -Pastor Heather Zempel

What does it mean to shine brightly?

FIRST, STARS INSPIRE HOPE.

Stars are reliable, predictable, and unshakeable.

We are invited to stand unshaken and provide beacons of hope and anchors of navigation to the world.

Are we the kind of people that:

- Show up
- Are consistent
- Others can rely on
- Peacemakers
- Perspective Changers
- Remain Calm
- Point to the creative solutions from the heart of God
- Beacons of HOPE

[DC Dream Center](#) - A place where hope becomes habit

[First Impressions Volunteer](#)

SECOND, STARS ILLUMINATE DARKNESS & ERADICATE FEAR

Instead of fight or flight what if we just stepped into the darkness and let our light shine?

Let us be environment makers:

Where there is hopelessness we bring hope

Where there is chaos we bring peace

Where there is confusion we bring wisdom

Where there is suffering we bring hope

THIRD, STARS REVEAL GOD

"I love astronomy not just because of the really cool science behind it, but also because of the beauty of a starry night." - Joe Bohanon - member of the NCC Community

When we follow Jesus, we shine the character of God to the world around us. We reveal the goodness, faithfulness, and beauty of God. We breathe joy and love and peace into the world. That's the serious business of heaven.

[Philippians 2:20](#)

Challenge: Decide today that you will let your light shine in this generation

A PRAYER to PRAY: Our Father in Heaven thank you for teaching us to be Your light as we enter the world. Thank you for showing us how to shine, and to always shine, and to always grow because we are confident in the fact that You are always with us. Thank you for the message this weekend that reinforced it isn't about earning our salvation, but it is about working out our salvation. We are confidently saved, not teach us how to leave in a way that shows we believe in that salvation. We pray this all in Jesus name amen.

For more info about following Jesus, go to ncc.re/followJesus

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Sermon Discussion Guide: ncc.re/discuss

NCC Daily: national.cc/daily

---ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Connect Live - Sunday, July 11 @ 10:15 - ncc.re/connectlive

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Upper Zoom (Tu, We, Th at 7:14am): ncc.re/upperzoom