



**“NOT WORKING ALONE”**

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*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*  
Philippians 1:6 (NASB)

**Do you ever feel like the world is on your shoulders?**

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
Romans 8:38–39 (NASB)

- Philippians 1:           The confidence we have in God’s promise
- Philippians 2:           What we can do to experience the promise
- Philippians 2:1–11:     Attitude of the Believer — “Humility”
- Philippians 2:12–30:   Action of the Believer — “Work, but not alone.”

**When it comes to your best future:**

I. There’s work \_\_\_\_\_.

*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.*  
Philippians 2:12–16 (NASB)

- “my beloved” (vs. 12)
- “Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.” (vs. 12)
- “Do all things without grumbling or disputing.” (vs. 14)
- “Prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.” (vs. 15)

II. \_\_\_\_\_.

*...work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*  
Philippians 2:12–13 (NASB)

Charles Wesley writes in the classic hymn, “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”:

*Breathe, O Breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

(continued...)

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

III. \_\_\_\_\_.

*But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me. But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father. Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me; and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly. But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need; because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you. Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard; because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me. Philipians 2:17–30 (NASB)*

Point: \_\_\_\_\_.



## **DOGGY BAG**

### **Something to take home and chew on!**

1. Do you ever feel like the whole world is on your shoulders? Like everything rests on you? If not the whole wide world... Your marriage is resting on your shoulders? Your kids and their lives and their future are resting on your shoulders? Your finances are weighing on you? How do you handle that pressure? How does it help to know that God is working in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure?
  
2. Which characteristics describe your life working out your salvation? Grumbling and disputing? Or blameless and innocent? Where do you see these characteristics in your life?

3. How are you doing with your blamelessness? How are you doing with your innocence?

4. Who are the people that you are counting on to support you as you work out your own salvation? What support do you need from others? What support can you give to others?

5. What is one thing that God is calling you to work out this week? What is one thing that God is calling you to allow Him to work out this week? What is one place that you can connect with the Body of Christ to allow other's to work with you this week?

**Suggestion:** Join or start a small group. Learn more from Pam Charbonneau ([pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org](mailto:pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org)).

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**ANSWER KEY:**

- I. There's work **FOR YOU TO DO.**
- II. **GOD IS WORKING IN YOU.**
- III. **THE CHURCH IS WORKING IN YOU.**

Point: **WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR BEST FUTURE, THERE'S WORK FOR YOU TO DO, BUT YOU'RE NOT WORKING ALONE.**