

Philippians: Finding Joy in a Broken World

Finding Joy in Working Out

Read the following verses: Philippians 2:5-18

Examining the Text:

1. Some Christians emphasize God's sovereignty (God does everything), while others emphasize man's responsibility (man does everything). What does Paul say in Philippians 2:12-13?
2. Some Christians would say, "I'll do my best and God will do the rest" or "God helps those who help themselves". Is this what Paul says in 2:12-13?
3. How does Paul describe the society of his day? Is our society really any different?
4. How does Paul describe the living that a child of God should have in their society?

Digging Deeper:

1. Given the contrast between God's children and the current generation they find themselves in, what should be their response? Isolate themselves in a holy bubble? Condemn outsiders? Or something else?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. What particular things is God working "in" you? How is the working "out" of those things going? Are you struggling? Are you finding God's grace to work out what He is working in you?