



NEED TO KNOW

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO HAVE A FAITH THAT SURVIVES & THRIVES IN A CHALLENGING WORLD
A.K.A. THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Week 4: We need to know our faith. Philippians 2:12-13

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Others can't grow our faith for us in the same way that they can't train for the marathon for us. It's our race to run! It's our faith to work out. And it's God's pleasure to work in us. Last week we talked about the God in whom we put our faith. This week we are learning the importance of working out that faith in every area of our lives. We need to know our faith!

Read Philippians 2:5-13.

Read and reflect on verse 12.

Work out YOUR OWN salvation...You need to know your own faith.

- **Are you aware of a time when your faith became YOUR OWN?** Share about it.
- **How are you working your salvation out into the hardest places of your life?**
- **How are you avoiding working your salvation out into the hardest places of your life?**
- **What has given your faith a 'workout' in the past?**
- **What areas of your faith need a 'workout'?**
 - **How could you intentionally give your faith a 'workout'?**

Work out your own salvation with fear (awe) and trembling...

- **Consider those awe inspired experiences that you have had. How could the awe of your salvation (what Christ has done for you) help you to put your faith to work?**

Remember that our faith isn't in our faith. **Our faith is in the God of our salvation. Salvation is a gift** provided for you – without your participation. Now that you have salvation - own it! Try it out! Work it out! See how this gift of faith works in every area of your life.

Read and reflect on Philippians 2:13 and Ephesians 2:8-10.

- Sometimes working out your faith is as simple as following through with that good idea you had. People of faith often call this a nudge from God. **Share a time when you heard that call, changed your plan, stepped out of your ordinary, etc. and found your faith was strengthened through it.**
- Sometimes the 'workout' is extremely challenging. **Talk about a time when the working out of your faith, though difficult, assured you of God's good work for you, in you, and/or through you.**

Pause, ponder, and prayer point.

- Work out your own salvation - don't neglect it, don't expect someone else to do it, & especially don't miss out on the pleasure of finding and doing the part that God has entrusted only to you.
- BTW (by the way) - You are not called to work out someone else's salvation.