

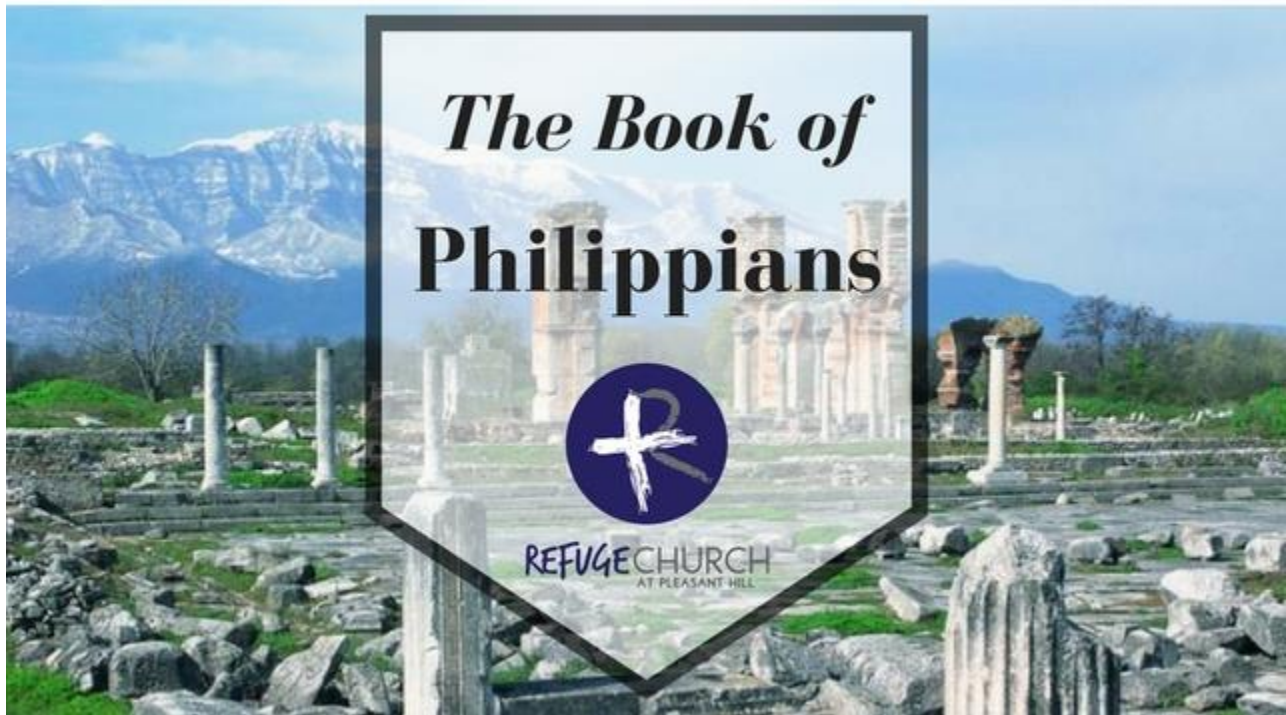
# Refuge Church at Pleasant Hill

March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morning Service

## Philippians - Part 7

A verse by verse study through the book of Philippians

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### Philippians 1:27-28 ESV

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

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Jesus is our example for living a life worthy of the gospel of Christ.

In Philippians 2:1-11 we see what Paul is encouraging us to think like Jesus thought. We are to have His mindset.

We are to think the way Jesus thinks.

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### Philippians 2:2-11 ESV

<sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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### Philippians 2:12-18 ESV

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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The command - Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel. (1:27)

- 1. It starts with how we think. (2:1-11)**
- 2. We must put "others first" (2:3)**
- 3. We must serve others. (2:7)**
- 4. It demands obedience. (2:8)**

We see the theme of obedience again in 2:12.

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Therefore or So Then

Because of Jesus' example as an obedient servant, what follows should be our response.

That response is obedience.

Just as you have always obeyed.

Continued obedience.

They have been obedient in the past and he is calling them to be obedient in the future.

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## Romans 1:5 ESV

5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

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Our obedience is not just for us. Our obedience is the for the sake of Jesus' name among the nations.

There is more riding on your obedience that just you.

We represent Jesus. We are His. We are adopted by Him and we are in His family and we represent Him.

A church emphasizes all grace and no obedience is no church at all.

Jesus told the woman in John 8 - "to go and sin no more."

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## Romans 15:18 ESV

18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed,

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If Jesus was obedient we certainly cannot think that we are above being obedient as well.

Obedience is not a suggestion, it is expected.

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## John 14:15 ESV

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

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## John 14:23-24 ESV

23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

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## 1 Samuel 15:22-23 ESV

22 And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king."

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## Deuteronomy 10:12-13 ESV

12 "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and

with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?

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### 5. Our salvation should be something we work on.

Work out your salvation.

He does not say work it in.... You cannot work your salvation in. You cannot earn it or buy it.

Once you have it, it should work its way out in your life.

From the inside out, salvation and love for God changes us. This working out of our salvation is for the long haul.

Working out our salvation means putting our salvation out into practice.

Working out our salvation is our effort in following Jesus.

It is like a farmer.

The farmer plans.

The farmer plows.

The farmer plants.

The farmer prays for rain.

It is God who makes it rain and causes the growth.

The "working out" of our salvation is our planting, plowing so that God can work.

It means:

1. Making room in your life for God to work.
2. Reading and mediating on God's word so that He can change you.
3. Being part of a group.
4. Making a plan to grow spiritually.
5. Fighting against sin in our life.
6. Putting "others first"

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## 2 Peter 1:5-8 ESV

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Philippians 2:13 ESV

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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This working out your salvation has two parts.

1. Our part that work out. - The farmer.
2. God working in us. (2:13)

God energizes and enables us to grow.

Is God working on your will?

He works in your life for His pleasure. It pleases God for you to grow spiritually.

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## Matthew 5:14-16 ESV

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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We are to shine as lights in the world.

Here is how.

1. Do not grumble or complain.
2. Do not fight or argue.
3. Be blameless.
4. Be innocent.
5. Be a child of God.
6. Be without blemish.

When we live a life like this we will stand out in this world.

Verse 15 is not the end... look at 16, part of the same sentence.

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### **Philippians 2:16 ESV**

16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

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Part of shining like a light is "holding fast to the word of life".

We fight our sin, we fight our selfishness by "Holding Fast to the Word."

We shine by holding fast to the Word.

It means to literally hold our position or hold our gaze. Stay focused. To keep a close watch.

Do not stray from the word.

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### **John 6:68 ESV**

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

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The fuel for the flame to shine comes from the Word.

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### **Romans 10:17 ESV**

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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### **John 17:17 ESV**

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

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### **Matthew 4:4 ESV**

4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

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### **Psalms 1:2-3 ESV**

2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

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Paul Put other's First.

Paul found in joy in their growth.