Jesus Gets Us: Got Service?
Philippians 2:12-21
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Philippians 2:12-21: Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. [14] Do everything without grumbling or arguing, [15] so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky [16] as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. [17] But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. [18] So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. [19] I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. [20] I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. [21] For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ the power of serving the self

_____ hearts: Our hearts are the source of evil motives such sexual immorality, theft, murder…the evil eye, all of this evil comes from within us and it pollutes our relationship with God and each other.

Mark 7:20-23 (JOT)

_____ spiritual forces: Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. [12] For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world…. Ephesians 6:11–12 (NLT)

2. _____ greater strength for service

_____ obedience: My beloved, just as you sought to obey God while I was with you, you have redoubled your efforts in my absence! Salvation is produced through respect and reverence for God! God energizes your will to follow him and to do what pleases him!

Philippians 2:12-13 (JOT)

_____ your reactions: Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Philippians 2:14-15 (MSG)

_____ in discipleship: You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had…. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Philippians 2:5, 7b-8 (NLT)

3. <u>Finding</u> the joy of service

_____ Jesus's servant heart: My life is being poured out as a part of the sacrifice and service I offer to God for your faith. Yet, I am filled with joy, and I share that joy with all of you.

Philippians 2:17 (GWN)

Spiritual Action Step:

Are you ready for a positive change? If you are tired of a joyless existence then begin to connect to the servant heart of Jesus Christ. Jesus said: *I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.* (John 15:11 (NIV)) God desires to energize your life toward greater obedience and you will find a greater sense of God's love in your life. This is the relationship that will make a difference. Let God fill your life with things like purpose, joy and hope that can only be found in following Christ! This week read Philippians 2 and John 15 to allow the Holy Spirit of show you the joy and power of serving our Lord and Savior. 1929

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NLT: New Living Translation; MSG: The Message; GWN: God's Word for the Nations.