

# The Joy of Obedience

## Philippians 2:12-18

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Joy/FULL Series

### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

Rarely do people think or talk about obedience as a path to joy. Yet, when the authorities in our lives truly know and lead us into what is best for us, obedience absolutely produces joy, because when we walk in God's best for our lives, joy is a beautiful fruit.

## REALIZE

### 1. Work out what God has worked in.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 2:12-18
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Where is God inviting me to work out my own salvation?

### 2. DBG.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 2:12-18; Matthew 5:16
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - How can I shine more brightly into our world?

### 3. Rejoice together.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 2:12-18; Psalms 5:11
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Where can I live my life more as an offering?

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?

