



Joy in Obedience

Who we are cannot be separated from where we're from." – Malcolm Gladwell, *Outliers*

Philippians 2:12-13: ¹² 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.

"We live up to the words we listen to."

"If you are an apprentice of Jesus, your end goal is to grow and mature into the kind of person who can say and do all the things that Jesus said and did." – John Mark Comer, *Practicing the Way*

1 John 2:6, "This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."

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Now you must continue to make this new life fully manifested as you live in the holy awe of God—which brings you trembling into his presence. (Passion Translation)

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Ephesians 2:8-9: ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Philippians 1:4-6: ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:14-16: 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.

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Hebrews 12:1-2:...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith...

"God is at work in me, there is hope, my effort is not in vain, I am loved, I am being made new."

All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.