

# The Process to Your Purpose

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## 1. Work Out \_\_\_\_\_

“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, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.” -Philippians 2:12-13

“Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” -1 Timothy 4:7b-8

## 2. Get \_\_\_\_\_ for Your Spiritual Life

“I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.” -Philippians 2:19-22

## 3. Be Willing to Put Yourself in \_\_\_\_\_

“But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus my brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed, he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore, I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad, and I may have less anxiety. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.” -Philippians 2:25-30

“Who [God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of **His own purpose and grace**, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” -2 Timothy 2:19

## **The Process to Your Purpose Discussion Guide**

### **-Read Philippians 2:12-13**

1. What do you think it means to “work out your salvation with fear and trembling?”
2. How could working out your salvation cause you to live our God’s “good purpose” for your life more? What are some you can practically “work out” your faith?
3. Many people talk about being in shape or out of shape physically. Do you feel like you are currently in good or bad shape (spiritually speaking)? Why or why not?

### **-Read Philippians 2:19-22**

4. Why do you think Paul’s parental role as a spiritual mentor in Timothy’s life was so formative?
5. How important do you think it is to have spiritual mentors in your life and have you ever had one? If so, please share their impact on your life?
6. Who is someone you could be a spiritual mentor for?

### **-Read Philippians 2:25-30**

7. Epaphroditus was willing to put his life in a painful place. He “risked his life” for the sake of others. How does putting yourself in painful places allow yourself to go further in the process of living out your God given purpose?
8. What is something painful that you could do for the glory of God and the benefit of others that you have avoided doing because it would be painful?

**Christ Connection to Close:** Jesus freely offers us our salvation. Once we receive it, we are meant to work it out. Not only does Jesus offer us salvation but He is the ultimate spiritual Father and put his life on the line for our sake.