



On Philippians

*Week 7: With Fear and Trembling | Teacher: Cynthia Yanof
Sermon Questions for 7.14.2024*

Opener

When was the last time you were nervous about something you knew you needed to do?

Read

Philippians 2:12-18; 2 Timothy 1:7; Colossians 3:5; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Main Points

1. So much of our Christian life is built on our response to the “therefore’s” in scripture.
2. This passage is where Paul is linking theology with reality, encouraging us to not just hold a theoretical belief but a theology that we live out in our relationships with one another.
3. This isn’t talking about getting saved, but rather living in a way that aligns with the truth that we are saved. Not “how to be saved” but “how to live saved.”
4. We’re a part of something much more massive than ourselves.
5. Paul lives with the end in mind, we’re invited to do the same.
6. Fear can be the biggest killer of stepping into the purposes God has for our lives.
7. We are encouraged to be more fearful of missing what God has in store for us than of anyone or anything else.
8. Our culture desperately needs Christians who act like Christians.

Engage with God in a Group

- When have you seen a beautiful alignment of your theology and your experienced reality?
- How have you been encouraged in your faith by others in your life?
- What might “sacrifice and service” look like in your life?
- What role has fear played in your life?
- What is the biggest thing you’re afraid of - that might even be the thing that keeps you from stepping, by faith, into what God is calling you into?

Bottom Line

Sometimes God’s favor doesn’t immediately feel favorable.