

## **Tempted and Rejoicing**

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### **Read Philippians 2:12-30.**

1. How does this section function as an application of verses 1-11?
2. How should we blend Paul's command to work hard to show the results of our salvation (v. 12) with the teaching of the New Testament that we can't earn our salvation?
3. How does verse 13 help us to apply verse 12?
4. In what areas are you struggling to work out your salvation? How can your group pray for you?
5. Why are complaining and arguing so damaging in the Christian community? (v. 14)
6. Where do you struggle with complaining? Can you identify a deeper heart desire that leads to this struggle?
7. How does Paul's metaphor of his life as a liquid offering help you to understand the path of obedient suffering?
8. What is encouraging to you about how Paul described Timothy? (v. 19-24)
9. What is encouraging to you about how Paul described Epaphroditus? (v. 25-30)