



# Sermon Questions

February 8th, 2026 | Scripture: Philippians 2:12-18 – Joyful Obedience

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these passages that trace the theme of humility throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 2:17
- Exodus 19:5-6
- Psalm 40:6-10
- Jeremiah 7:21-28
- John 14:15-24
- Romans 5:18-19

### Core Questions

1. How does Paul addressing the church as “beloved” in verse 12 reframe obedience as a response to grace instead of a condition to receive it?
2. How do verses 12-13 help us understand that working out our own salvation is done in dependence on God not in fear of losing our salvation?
3. Grumbling and disputing seem like small things to focus on in the Christian life. How does Paul’s naming of them in verse 14 show us the extent of the call to obedience?
4. How does verse 15 give purpose to our everyday obedience showing that God uses it as a distinct witness to those around us?
5. Why does Paul point us to “the word of life” as the essential resource to sustain our obedience over the long haul in verse 16?

### Inward Grace in Action

1. How does knowing that the Lord is working in and through us encourage us when obedience is overwhelming and correct us when we see obedience as optional?

### Outward Grace in Action

1. Because of Christ’s obedience, we are now freed to work not for our salvation but because of it. How does that understanding free our family, friends, and community groups to share our needs honestly and then sacrificially meet one another’s needs with joy?

### Scripture Memory Challenge:

*During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize **Philippians 2:5-11**. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.*

**Serve:** Because of what Christ has done we now serve out of a new obedience. We invite you to consider how the Lord may be leading you to meet the following needs:

- Donate to the Pack n’ Play and Car Seat Drive through Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>
- Serve as an usher in the fellowship Hall
- Serve as a member of the community coffee table team

Go to <https://mcleanpres.org/serve/> to sign up!

**Look Ahead:** Next week we will continue in our sermon series on the book of Philippians. The scripture passage will be Philippians 2:19-30 where we will see how the Apostle Paul calls us to live in joyful partnership.

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children why they think you want them to listen and obey when you ask them to do something.
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Explain that they don’t obey to earn your love. They obey because they already have your love. Help them see that this is how it works with God too: we obey Him not to earn His love, but because we are already loved by Him.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Together, name one or two ways you can obey God this week (cleaning your room, listening to teachers, being kind to others). Listen to “Trust and Obey” by The Wonder Kids, and pray that God would help you trust and obey Him because of His great love shown to us on the cross, through the power of the Holy Spirit.