

The welcome verse for this week is Hebrews 10:23: “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”



Keep On Keeping On
Philippians 2:12-18

The Bottom Line: Keep obeying. Keep shining. Keep holding on.

Introduction:

Today’s message is for encouraging our local church body.

Transitions are never easy. Still, God is doing a great work in this church. He who began a good work in us will be sure to complete it.

While it is certainly easier to run, duck, and hide, God is calling us to something greater. God is calling us to persevere. God is calling us to keep on keeping on.

Tension:

What if...

All of life can become a “what if.” But we hope in what we *cannot* see around us, within us, and before us.

Truth:

Believe it or not, the believers of Philippi were led through a similar circumstance. Paul, their fearless leader, has a pastoral moment with the church right in the middle of the letter he wrote them.

Read Philippians 2:12-18-

Paul gives a word of exhortation to the church, saying that the show must go on without him. The work of Christ must continue.

Paul recognized that the church at Philippi was not his church, but it is God’s church. God is faithful to His church.

There are three encouragements that Paul gives to the church at Philippi:

Keep obeying.

Keep shining.

Keep holding on.

Application & Conclusion:

Paul finishes his thought by stating that, even if his life is given as an offering to the Lord, his joy would be the strength and endurance of the believers at Philippi. The Lord rejoices. Paul rejoices. The church must rejoice in this too. God is working in us for His will and good pleasure. There is no loss in that.

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3.How do I apply this to my life?

4.If I could ask a question about this it would be....