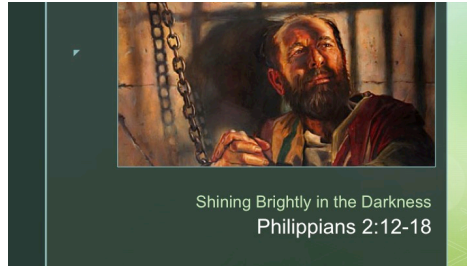


Joy In The Journey: Shining Brightly in the Darkness



Welcome to the NewDay Worship Gathering!

As we prepare for worship we invite you to reflect on our prayer for the NewDay body from *Philippians 2*:

² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said to them, "If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going."

All: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you."

All: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon us and His glory will appear over us.

Leader: "While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

All: Nations shall come to our light, and kings to the brightness of our dawn.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

All: Then we shall see and be radiant. The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor shall the moon give light to us by night; but the Lord will be our everlasting light, and our God will be our glory.

The Light of the World

Matthew 5:14-16 (CEB)

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.



Reflection Questions:

How have you seen yourself and our community shining as a light? Do you notice places, where you could make an impact, which could use your light?

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Philippians 2:11-2:18 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

The Bible is not the light of the world, it is the light of the Church. But the world does not read the Bible, the world reads Christians! "You are the light of the world."

-Charles Spurgeon

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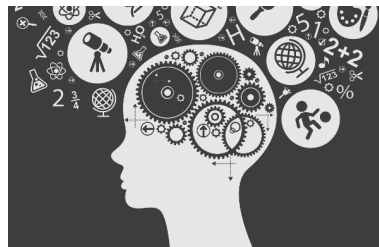
3. Do you sometimes struggle with “complaining and arguing” (verse 14)? Write down or share a bit more about your struggles. What has helped you complain or argue less?

4. What are the benefits of complaining and arguing less (verses 15-18)?

5. What are some ways you can live “clean, innocent lives as children of God,” so you and this New Day family can shine “like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people? How might you ask and tap into God’s power to make this happen?

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

1. Before today’s message, did you ever wonder what Paul meant when he said, “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (verse 12)? What did you think it meant? Was there anything from the message that helped you see this phrase in a different light?



2. Write out or share any responses you may have to the quote, “Salvation is entirely God’s work in which we fully participate.”

NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values

1. We are a community that has a passion to **serve others**.
2. We are a community that longs for **deeper life relationships with God and others**.
3. We are passionate about **investing in children, youth, and families**.
4. We are a people who have a desire to be **led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life**.

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