

SPRING TRAINING

Surrendering to God **Philippians 2:1-18**

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While in prison, Paul wrote a letter of encouragement to the church at Philippi. His overall theme throughout the letter is joy despite whatever struggles one faces. Paul reveals the motivation of his joy and encourages others to join him.

What if one trained rigorously to prepare for a race, but never put their training to action? As followers of Christ, we are called to put our training into action.

Main Thought...

- *Spiritual disciplines are not to be the practice of separation from the world, but rather an active launch of _____ into the world.*

1. Surrendered _____ to the Lord brings me joy (v. 1-4).

- The world says happiness is found in _____, the Gospel says joy is found in _____ (v. 3).
- The world says to look out for _____, the Gospel says to put _____ before yourself (v. 4).

Jn. 15:11; Phil. 1:15-17; Col. 3:23-24

2. Jesus' example _____ my service (v. 5-11).

- Jesus was the ultimate _____ (v. 5-8).
- Jesus was _____ for His service (v. 9-11).

Heb. 10:9-14; Heb. 12:1-2; Lk. 18:29-30

3. God has _____ and _____ me for service (v. 12-18).

- Called to work out what has already been worked _____ (v. 12).
- Called to _____ for the glory of the Lord (v. 9-17).

Acts 1:8; Eph. 2:10; Acts 20:24

Final Thoughts...

- *One who is spiritually disciplined _____ the Lord.*
- *The servant of the Lord knows the _____ of the Lord.*