

AND THE LORD
IN ALL MY PRAYERS
USE OF YOUR
UNTIL NOW & BEING
WORK IN YOU WILL
CHRIST JESUS.



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2 THEREFORE IF YOU HAVE ANY ENCOURAGEMENT
WITH CHRIST & ANY COMFORT FROM
SHARING IN THE SPIRIT & ANY TENDER
MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE BY BEING
LOVE, BEING ONE IN SPIRIT AND OF
SELFISH AMBITION OR VANITY CONCERNING
OTHERS ABOVE YOURSELVES.

**Jesus is our model for
living in troubled times**

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**Paul challenges us to live
up to the example Jesus
set**

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Don't look out for #1

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Philippians 2:1-4

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¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

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

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³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

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4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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**We should be unified in
our purpose of becoming
like Jesus**

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We can accomplish Christ-like living, not by looking after our own well-being, but by looking after the well-being of others

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The Great Example of Jesus

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Philippians 2:5-11

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⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

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**⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own
advantage;**

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**⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a
servant, being made in human likeness.**

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⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

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⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

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**¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee
should bow, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,**

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**¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.**

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**Jesus suffered the kind
of death filled with
shame, because this is
the path Jesus chose to
walk**

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**During times of trouble or
persecution we are
tempted to defend
ourselves**

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**We should have the same
humility of heart and
posture as Jesus, our
Lord**

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**There is no place for self
pride in our lives, or in
the life of the church**

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Working Out Our Salvation

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Philippians 2:12-13

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¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

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**¹³ for it is God who works in you to will
and to act in order to fulfill his good
purpose**

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**Our only reasonable
response to the gift of
salvation is to work
toward imitating the
example of Jesus.**

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Hold On and Hold Out

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Philippians 2:14-18

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¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

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**¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life.
And then I will be able to boast on the
day of Christ that I did not run or labor
in vain.**

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17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

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Jesus is our example

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