

# message OUTLINE

## CHANGES

Sermon Series: UNIMAGINED JOY: A Study of Philippians

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**TEXT:** Philippians 2:1-4, 12-18

### I. 7 THINGS YOU CAN'T CHANGE

1. You Can't Get Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ Back.
2. You Can't Please Everyone.
3. You Can't Keep Up with the Joneses.
4. You Can't Hold a Grudge \_\_\_\_\_ That Effects Others More.
5. You Can't Control What Others Think.
6. You Can't Live Forever.
7. You Can't Know Unimagined Joy \_\_\_\_\_ & be Annoyed \_\_\_\_\_  
at the Same Time..

### II. GOD'S 'WORK OUT' PLAN

*"...Continue to **work out** your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to act according to His good pleasure."*

*Phil. 2:12*

- "work out": *Katergazesthai* (Grk: def.) - to bring to completion
- "your salvation":
- "God works in you": *Energieos* (Grk: def.) - energy

*The Activity & Action of God*

### III. GOD'S PART IN CHANGING YOU

#### 3 Tools He Uses

1. The Word of God

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequately equipped for every good work."*  
2 Tim. 3:16, 17

2. The Holy Spirit

*"Once the Spirit... lives within you, He will bring to your whole being... new strength and vitality."*  
Rom. 8:11

3. Circumstances

*"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God... for God chose us to bear the family likeness of His Son."*  
Rom. 8:28, 29

### IV. MY PART IN CHANGING ME

#### 3 Choices

1. I can choose what I think about

*"Be careful how you think, for your life is shaped by your thoughts."*  
Prov. 4:23

*"Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the 'new self' which is the likeness of God."*  
Eph. 4:23, 24

• Rom. 12:2                      Think → Feel → Act

• Value of Bible Meditation: Psalm 1:1-3  
Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:16; Ps. 119:9, 11; Josh. 1:8

2. I can choose to depend on God's Spirit

*"Take care to live in Me and let Me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from Me."*  
John 15:4, 5

3. I can choose my response to circumstances

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."*  
Jas. 1:2, 3