

Recap

Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ - live appropriately as citizens of the Kingdom of God

- Make my joy complete by being likeminded – have same values and priorities
- In your relationships with each other have the same mindset as Christ Jesus – approach your interactions with one another in same way Jesus approaches His interactions with you
 - Jesus - being in very nature did not consider equality with God something to be used for His own advantage rather He made Himself nothing taking the very nature of a servant/slave
 - Us – do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit but in humility consider others more important than yourselves (place need of others above your own needs)

PHILIPPIANS RECAP

- **Epaphroditus** – suffered for the Gospel
 - One of their own – known by all
 - Sent by Philippian church to deliver financial support to Paul; almost died on the way
 - Sent back as soon as healthy enough to travel so everyone would know he is ok
 - Brother, co-worker, fellow soldier, messenger
- **Timothy** – placed needs of others above his own needs
 - Helped start Philippian church – known by some
 - Will travel to Philippi at some point after Epaphroditus and then return to Paul with report on condition of the church
 - Son, proven, co-worker



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Work out your salvation with fear and trembling for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.

- Work out – bring about/produce a result by doing something
- Fear and trembling – holy awe/wonder; ‘take this seriously’
- Work in – to bring about something through the use of one’s capabilities; describes God’s energy and power in action
 - To will and to act – the desire and the follow through
- Good purpose – ‘good pleasure,’ this is what pleases God

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Do everything without grumbling or arguing so you will be blameless and pure ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’

- Grumbling – murmuring, complaining, expressing dissatisfaction
- Arguing – verbal exchange that takes place when conflicting ideas are expressed
- Blameless – without fault in terms of behavior
- Pure – innocent motives
- Warped and perverse – distorted from God’s standards and departing from God’s values

Results will be

- For them - ‘shining like stars in the sky’ as they hold firmly to the word of life – we are the light of the world; evangelistic result
- Paul will be able to boast that he didn’t run/labor in vain

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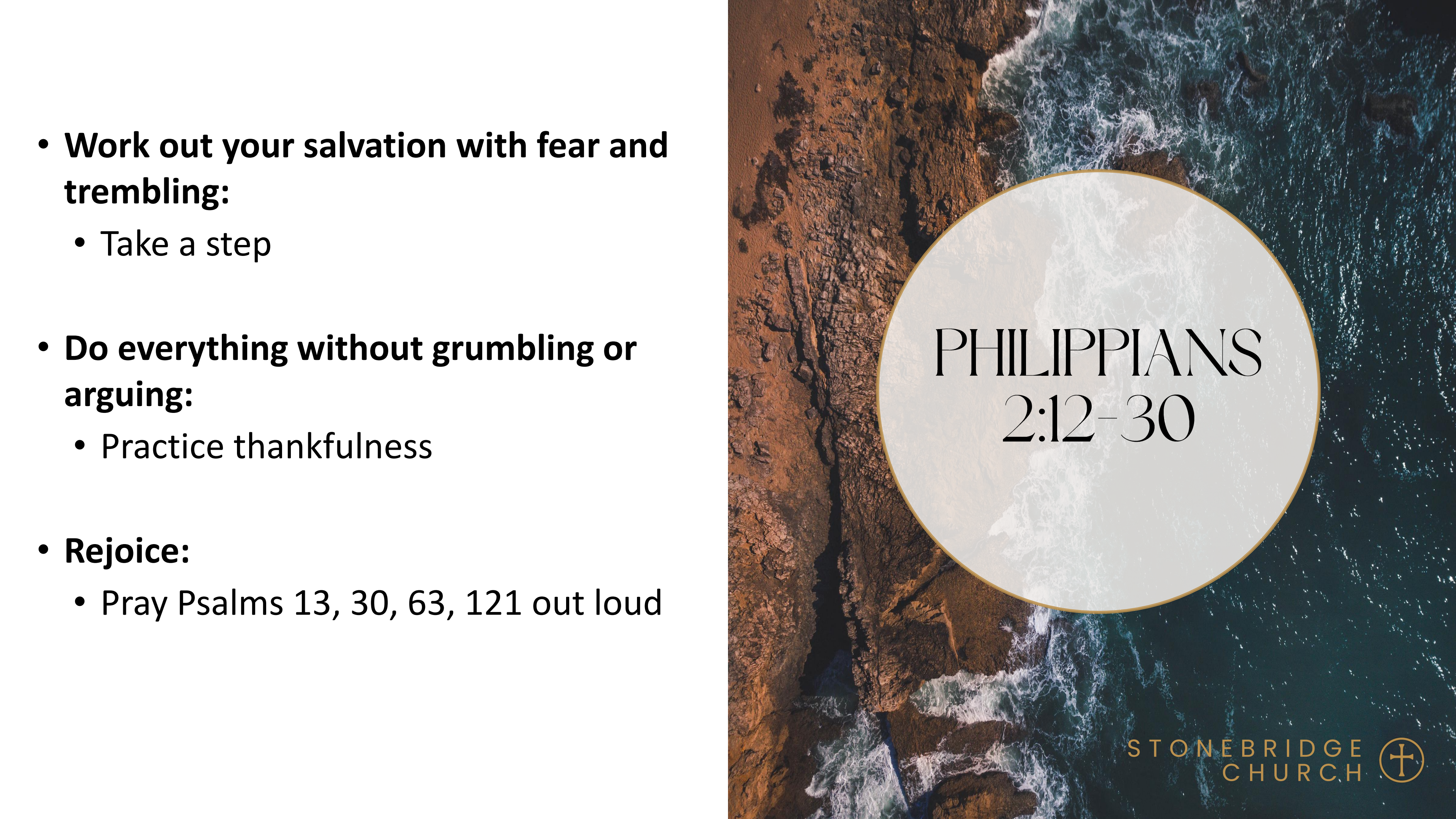
So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

- Be glad/rejoice = ‘rejoice yourselves and rejoice with me’
 - Joy – state of gladness/delight rooted in conscious awareness of God and His activity
 - Rejoice – to express that gladness/delight in our relationship with God and His activity
- Rejoice in midst of suffering –
 - Paul is being poured out like a drink offering – wine poured out around the altar that accompanied a sacrifice; refers to Paul’s suffering in Rome
 - Philippians are offering a sacrifice and service –
 - Sacrifice - animal brought to altar to be killed
 - Service – actual act of making the offering
 - Collectively refer both to the Philippians suffering and their financial gift to Paul

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- **Work out your salvation with fear and trembling:**
 - Take a step
- **Do everything without grumbling or arguing:**
 - Practice thankfulness
- **Rejoice:**
 - Pray Psalms 13, 30, 63, 121 out loud



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