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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

08-109-50 WORKING IN AND WORKING OUT
(RSV)

:00-5:05 Teaching – God did not set up a retreat and separation model for his people. He actively engaged the practicalities of living on the horizontal plane. Commentary on the passage from the previous teaching (Philippians 2:5-11).

5:05 Philippians 2:12-13 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 God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Teaching – Biblical concepts often need to be held in tension with one another. The problem often comes when people over-emphasize one aspect to the exclusion of the other. Examples: One God in three persons. Unitarian vs. Tri-theism. Jesus – Son of man, Son of God.

Teaching - “working out our salvation” vs the sense that God works it out in us. Both are true. It is not – work **for** your salvation, nor, is it, work **toward** it.

9:10 Ephesians 2:8-9 We are saved by grace through faith and not by works. Isaiah 64:6 even our so called good deeds –righteous work – is as filthy rags in the Lord’s sight. Luke 17:10 even when we do what we are supposed to, we are as unworthy servants.

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Reference Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Teaching.

14:00 James 2:17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. Teaching.

15:00 Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Teaching. Free Will.

17:35 Philippians 2:13 for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. God wants to first give you the will to do his works and then the action to do the works. Teaching on knowing the will of God. Not a matter of coming to the intellectual answer to God's will for you, as in "the light goes on", but your willingness to do his will even before you fully understand what it may be. First the willingness and then the illumination – not the reverse.

19:35 John 7:15-17 The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" 16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; 17 if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. Teaching – The willingness to do the will of God is the pre-condition to knowing it.

Reference 1 Corinthians 2:11 God's Spirit knows God's mind. We have the Spirit resident in our lives. Teaching on walking the road between the ditches. The Ditches: 1. wanting to do something you know is contrary to God's will. 2. Not willing to do something that you know God desires for you.

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Phil. 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phil. 2:12 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 God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God — 9 not because of works, lest any man should boast.

Is. 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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1Cor. 2:11 For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.