

"ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT"

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 2 JULY 17 & 18

IN A NUTSHELL

In this second letter, Paul is affirming the faith of the believers in Philippi and asking them to continue to be concerned about the welfare of others. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Phil. 2:3). He is also advising them to develop the attitude of Christ by having a servant's heart.

TALK IT OUT

1. Paul is telling his fellow believers to have the attitude of Christ by serving others. In your daily routine, can you remember a time when you provided for the needs of another person? Have you ever assisted another person but then complained but it later? Complained that it interfered with your plans? (See Philippians 2:14.)
2. At some time, everyone in this world will experience pain, suffering and people that disappoint us. In this letter, Paul encourages fellow believers to "work out your salvation" so that God can use you for His purposes. Are you going through a challenging time in your life right now? What changes do you need to make or correct in your life in order to fully surrender to Jesus?
3. We all go through valleys in life -- places where God can test us to see how we respond. It is in those valleys where God sees if we are faithful to Him and if we will have the patience to wait on Him. Times of testing can become our greatest spiritual blessings if we allow God to work in our lives. Are you asking God, "How long is this suffering going to continue?" Are you looking for an opportunity to really search for the heart of God and His direction for your life or are you content to complain about your circumstances? "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matt 28:20

DRAW IT OUT

This Scripture passage challenges us to develop a servant's heart and to complete our tasks without complaining. We are being asked to be of service to others and to carry the message of Jesus. This week ask yourself, 'Is there someone I know who could use a helping hand?' As the hands and feet of Jesus, can you think of a way to be a blessing to someone this week?

LIVE IT

July 17th: Play Day at Juno Beach with raffles and a sandcastle building contest. Bring your own lunch. Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Contact student ministries for further details.

Sunday July 25th: Beach Baptisms at Ocean Cay Park, Juno Beach @ 4:00 PM. If you are interested, please go up front after service and talk to one of the pastors about it.