

# PHILIPPIANS

Humble and United  
for the Gospel



# Plausibility Structures:

underlying concepts  
that make belief in  
something more  
probable or possible.

(Think bridges to the  
gospel)



**12 Therefore, my dear friends,  
just as you have always obeyed,  
so now, not only in my presence  
but even more in my absence,  
work out your own salvation  
with fear and trembling.**

**13 For it is God who is working  
in you both to will and to work  
according to his good purpose.**

**14 Do everything without  
grumbling and arguing,**

**15 so that you may be  
blameless and pure, children of  
God who are faultless in a  
crooked and perverted  
generation, among whom you  
shine like stars in the world,**

**16 by holding firm to the word of  
life. Then I can boast in the day  
of Christ that I didn't run or  
labor for nothing.**

**17 But even if I am poured out  
as a drink offering on the  
sacrificial service of your faith, I  
am glad and rejoice with all of  
you.**

**18 In the same way you should  
also be glad and rejoice with  
me.**



**A faithful church that works  
responds to the example of  
Jesus according to God's joyful  
work in us. (vv. 12–13)**

**A faithful church that works  
presents a genuinely united  
family to a broken world (vv. 14–  
16a)**

**A faithful church that works  
celebrates God's work through  
his sacrificial servants (vv. 16b–  
18)**