

How People Know I Follow Jesus

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BIG IDEA

People know you follow Jesus if what God is working in you keeps rising out of you.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 24:16; Philippians 1:6; 2:3-4, 5-30; 3:10, 12; 4:5

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1. Philippians 2:12 says to “work out your salvation.” What is the difference between working for salvation and working out salvation?
 2. According to Philippians 2:13, where does the desire and power to obey God come from? How does that challenge both pride and passivity?
 3. If your life has an “accent,” what does it currently sound like to the people closest to you?
 4. Proverbs 24:16 says the righteous fall but rise again. Why is rising often a better evidence of faith than never appearing to struggle?
 5. Where are you most tempted to make peace with being stuck instead of letting grace change you?
 6. Philippians 2:14 commands believers to do everything without grumbling or arguing. What kind of spiritual damage does a complaining spirit do to a church community?
 7. Paul says believers should shine like stars in a warped and crooked generation. Where do you feel the strongest pressure to become warped by the world around you?
 8. Timothy is described as someone with “genuine concern” for others. What is the difference between strategic concern and genuine concern?
 9. Epaphroditus risked his life for the work of Christ. What does his example teach us about costly faithfulness?
 10. Which is hardest for you right now: humility, admitting you are still in process, or responding to failure with gentleness? Why?