

Investing In Relationships: The Book Of Philippians  
 Investing In Exercising My Faith” 4 of 8  
 Cornerstone Church of Poway  
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**Big Idea:** To enjoy the people in my life, I need to invest in my relationships.

**I Need To Invest In Exercising My Faith By:**

**1. Yielding To God’s Desire & Power For My Life**

“Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. **Work hard** to show the **results** of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is **working in you**, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”

**Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT2)**

“And I am certain that God, who **began** the good work within you, will **continue** his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

**Philippians 1:6 (NLT2)**

“For it is **by grace** you have been saved, **through faith**--and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are **God's workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” **Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)**

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**2. Choosing Not To Complain**

“Do everything **without complaining** and arguing, so that no one can criticize you.”

**Philippians 2:14-15a (NLT2)**

**Whine-o-meter**

**Discouraging Words**    – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10 –    **Encouraging Words**

“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but **take an interest** in others, too.”

**Philippians 2:4 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

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### 3. Strengthening My Convictions With Life Application

“**Live clean**, innocent lives as children of God, shining like **bright lights** in a World full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ’s return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.” **Philippians 2:15b-16 (NLT2)**

“But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT2)**

“But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.”

**Philippians 2:17-18 (NLT2)**

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### 4. Valuing People In My Life

“If the Lord Jesus is willing, I hope to send **Timothy** to you soon for a visit. Then he can **cheer me up** by telling me how you are getting along. I have no one else like Timothy, who **genuinely cares** about your welfare.” **Philippians 2:19-20 (NLT2)**

“Meanwhile, I thought I should send **Epaphroditus** back to you. He is a **true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier**. And he was your **messenger** to help me in my need.” **Philippians 2:25 (NLT2)**

“**Welcome** him with **Christian love** and with great joy, and **give him the honor** that people like him deserve. For he **risked** his life for the work of Christ, and he was at the point of death while doing for me what you couldn’t do from far away.”

**Philippians 2:29-30 (NLT2)**

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#### ➤ How am I exercising my faith?

**I will exercise my faith by:**

- [ ] Yielding to God’s desire and power
- [ ] Choosing not to complain
- [ ] Strengthening my convictions with application
- [ ] Valuing people in my life
- [ ] Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior

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**Icebreaker for families:** Who are you like in the morning: Big Bird or Oscar the Grouch?

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**1. Yielding To God’s Desire & Power For My Life**

**Read Philippians 2:12-13**

What does it mean to “work out your salvation”?

Is your salvation dependent on your works? Why or why not?

What are some godly desires that God has given you?

How have you seen His power in your life?

**Read Philippians 1:6**

Who began your salvation? What does that mean for you?

**Read Ephesians 2:8-10**

How does grace and works fit together?

What are some good things God is asking you to do?

**2. Choosing Not To Complain**

**Read Philippians 2:14-15**

What task is most difficult for you to do without whining?

**Read Philippians 2:4**

Try to memorize this verse.

### **3. Strengthening My Convictions With Life Application**

#### **Read Philippians 2:15b-16**

How bright do you shine in your universe? 40 watt, 75 watt or 150 watt?

What could help you shine brighter?

How good is your grip on God's Word?

#### **Read 2 Timothy 3:10, 16-17**

What do you learn about Paul's life?

What is the purpose of studying God's Word?

### **4. Valuing People In My Life**

#### **Read Philippians 2:19-30**

What do you learn about Timothy?

What do you learn about Epaphroditus?

Who is godly support to you?

Who are the people in your life that has helped shape your spiritual journey?

Do you give praise easily, or do you find it hard to do?

How can you value people in your life better?

Close in Prayer: **Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.**

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