

**“FOR IT IS
GOD WHO IS
AT WORK
IN YOU”**

- Philippians 2:12-15 (NASB-U) *So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; [13] for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. [14] Do all things without grumbling or disputing; [15] so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world...*
- Philippians 2:12–15 (LBLA) — *12 Así que, amados míos, tal como siempre habéis obedecido, no solo en mi presencia, sino ahora mucho más en mi ausencia, ocupaos en vuestra salvación con temor y temblor; 13 porque Dios es quien obra en vosotros tanto el querer como el hacer, para su beneplácito. 14 Haced todas las cosas sin murmuraciones ni discusiones, 15 para que seáis irrepreensibles y sencillos, hijos de Dios sin tacha en medio de una generación torcida y perversa, en medio de la cual resplandecéis como luminares en el mundo,*

Philippians 2:12-15 (NIV) *Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. [14] Do everything without complaining or arguing, [15] so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe*

FOR IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU TO
WILL AND TO ACT ACCORDING TO HIS
GOOD PURPOSE.

- “Sovereignty means our all-wise, all-knowing, God reigns in realms beyond our comprehension to bring about a plan beyond our ability to alter, hinder, or stop.” (I would add or understand)
- “His plan includes all promotions and demotions. His plan can mean both adversity and prosperity, tragedy and calamity, ecstasy and joy. It envelops illness as much as health, perilous times as much as comfort, safety, prosperity, and ease. His plan is at work when we cannot imagine why, because it is so unpleasant, as much as when the reason is clear and pleasant.
- His sovereignty, though it is inscrutable, has dominion over all handicaps, all heartaches, all helpless moments. It is at work through all disappointments, broken dreams, and lingering difficulties. And even when we cannot fully fathom why, He knows. Even when we cannot explain the reasons. He understands. And when we cannot see the end, He is there, nodding, “Yes, that is my plan.”

HOW OFTEN DO WE WANT TO KNOW OR WANT TO ASK WHY?

- James 4:13-15 (NASB-U) *Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." [14] Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. [15] Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."*
- James 4:13–15 (LBLA) — *13 Oíd ahora, los que decís: Hoy o mañana iremos a tal o cual ciudad y pasaremos allá un año, haremos negocio y tendremos ganancia. 14 Sin embargo, no sabéis cómo será vuestra vida mañana. Solo sois un vapor que aparece por un poco de tiempo y luego se desvanece. 15 Más bien, debierais decir: Si el Señor quiere, viviremos y haremos esto o aquello.*

**SOMEONE HAS SAID THAT GETTING AN
EDUCATION IS GOING FROM AN
UNCONSCIOUS TO A CONSCIOUS AWARENESS
OF OUR OWN IGNORANCE.**

GOD RARELY WORKS THE WAY WE EXPECT HIM TOO OR WANT HIM TOO.

- Hebrews 11:8 - *By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.* NASU
- Hebrews 11:8 (LBLA) — *8 Por la fe Abraham, al ser llamado, obedeció, saliendo para un lugar que había de recibir como herencia; y salió sin saber adónde iba.*

- Genesis 22:3 (NASB) So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.
- Genesis 22:3 (LBLA) Abraham se levantó muy de mañana, aparejó su asno y tomó con él a dos de sus mozos y a su hijo Isaac; y partió leña para el holocausto, y se levantó y fue al lugar que Dios le había dicho.

- Daniel 3:16-18 - *16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. 17 " If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 " But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."* NASU

- Genesis 50:20 - "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. NASU
- Genesis 50:20 (LBLA) — 20 Vosotros pensasteis hacerme mal, pero Dios lo tornó en bien para que sucediera como vemos hoy, y se preservara la vida de mucha gente.

- Hebrews 11:32-38 - *And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38(men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. NASU*

- Romans 8:28 (NASB-U) *And we know that God causes (There's that Sovereignty) all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*
- Romans 8:28 (LBLA) — *28 Y sabemos que para los que aman a Dios, todas las cosas cooperan para bien, esto es, para los que son llamados conforme a su propósito.*