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Essentials for owning your salvation

“Own It”

Philippians 2:12-13

To own our salvation...

1) Requires total trust that God is for us.

Romans 8:31-32; John 3:16; Matthew 11:28-30

2) Involves effort and awe.

Effort: Work out (not Work for)

Awe: Fear and Trembling

3) Is to cooperate with God’s work in us.

To will: His purposeful determination

To act: His energizing power

The elements of owning our salvation:

- Passionate pursuit of God
- Christ-like relationships
- Stewardship of life
- Sharing our story of grace
- Employing our spiritual gifts

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) What does “own it” mean to you? Is there anything that you have but don’t own? What priorities do you really “own”?
- 2) Do you believe that God is for you? See Romans 8:28-39; Romans 5:8; Matthew 11:28-30. If you believe this, how will it shape your decisions and behavior?
- 3) Do you ever struggle with work “for” your salvation verses work “out” your salvation? If you were to list the ways you are working out your salvation, what would they be?
- 4) In 2012, what are your personal spiritual goals? How do these goals get determined?

Memory Verse Philippians 2:12-13

“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, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”