



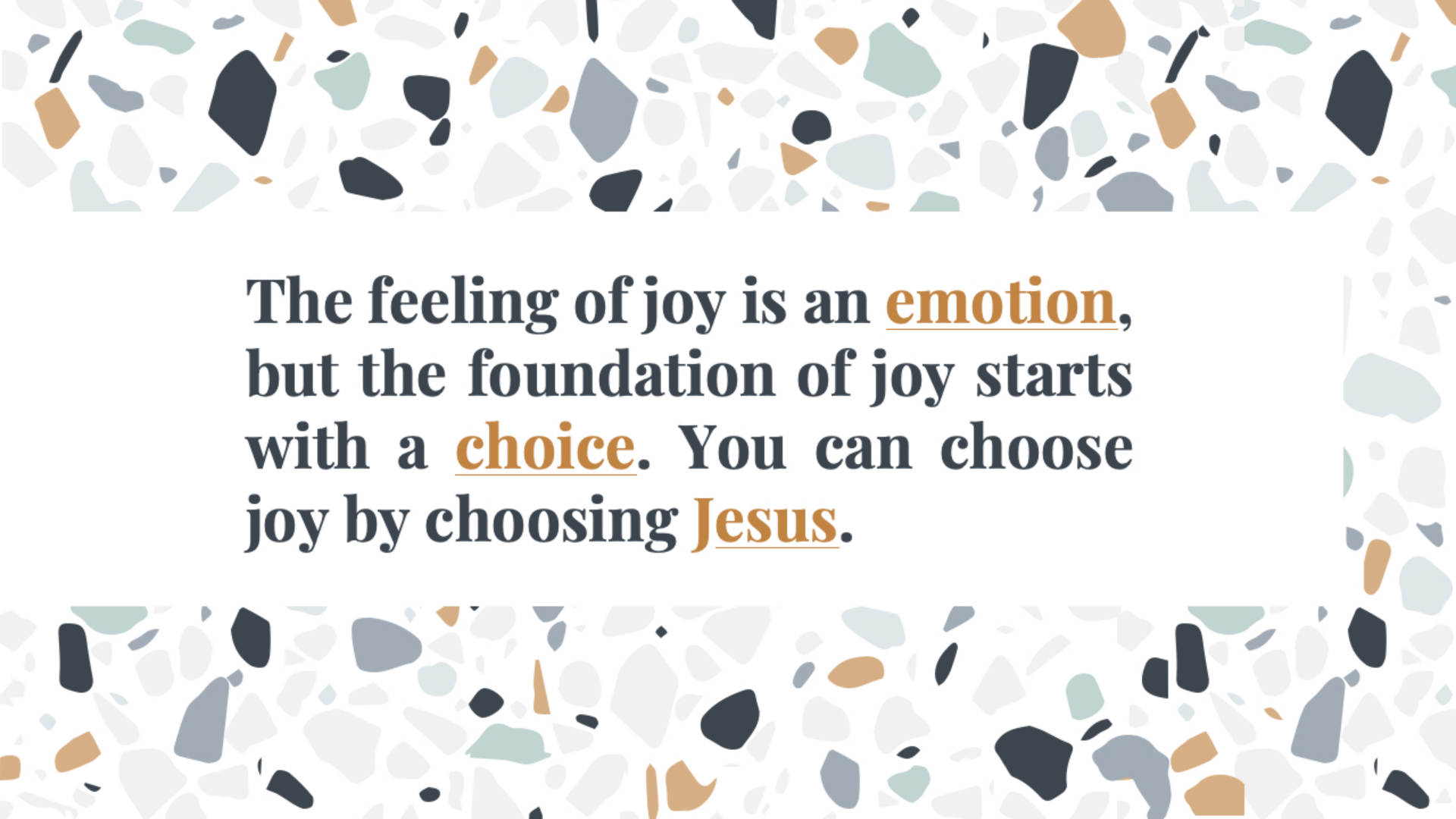
# **ALWAYS CHOOSE JOY**

A Journey through Philippians




<sup>16</sup> Always be joyful.

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 NLT**




The feeling of joy is an emotion,  
but the foundation of joy starts  
with a choice. You can choose  
joy by choosing Jesus.



<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18 ESV**






<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of

**PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18 ESV**





Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

<sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.


**PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18 ESV**






**Look out for  
the potholes.**





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and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who  
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**PHILIPPIANS 2:12B-13 ESV**








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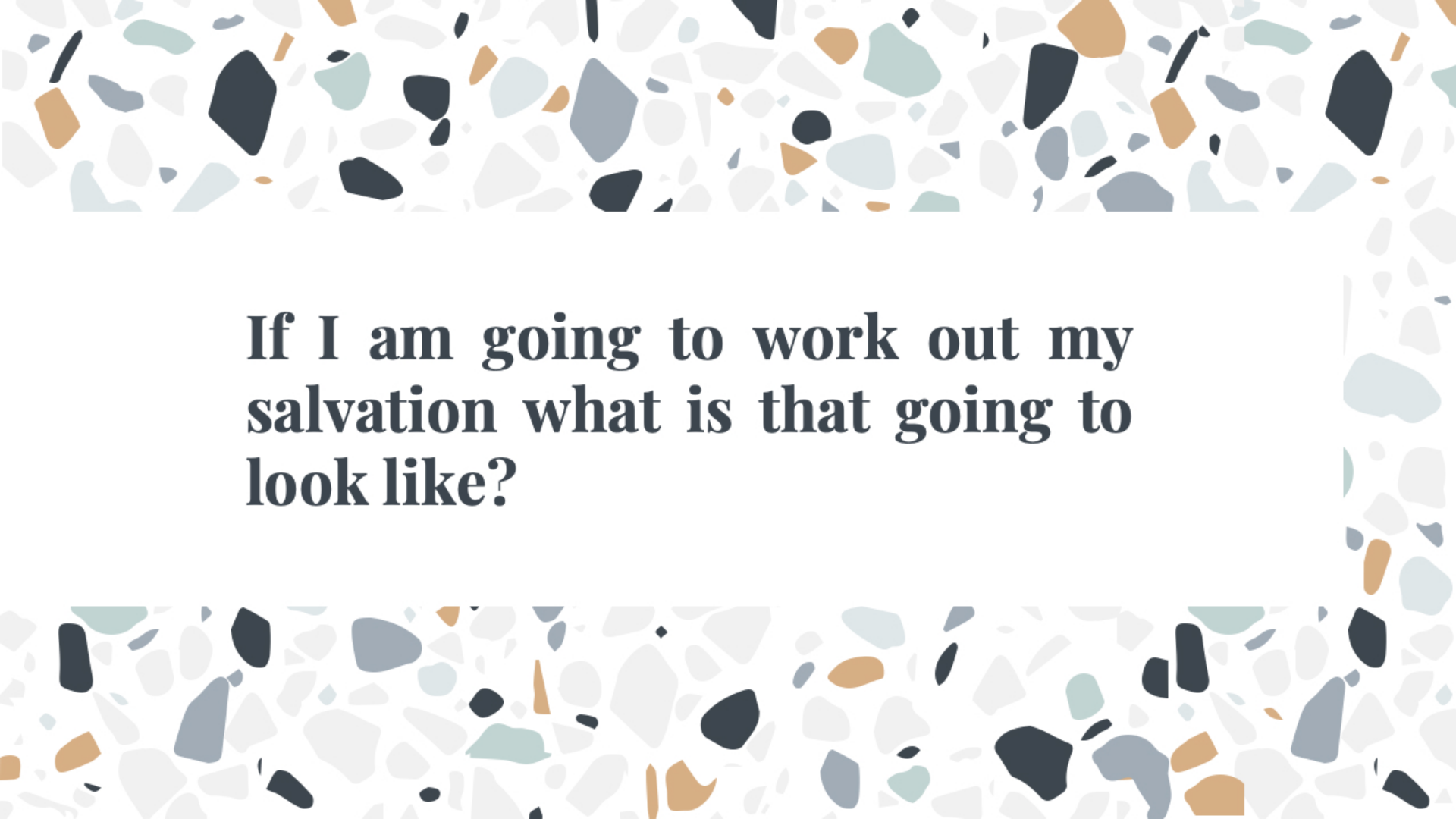


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God works  
in you.




**If I am going to work out my  
salvation what is that going to  
look like?**




**Do everything  
without  
grumbling,  
complaining  
or arguing.**

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**PHILIPPIANS 2:14 ESV**




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Pride

It betrays a real trust in God.



**Be children  
of God in the  
midst.**


<sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation,

**PHILIPPIANS 2:15A ESV**



**God's word to us is not “well you live in a crooked and twisted generation you better head for the hills.”**

**He is saying He is calling us to be a transformed people in the midst of this generation.**





**Shine bright**

among whom you shine as lights  
in the world,

**PHILIPPIANS 2:15B ESV**



# What does light do?





# What does light do?

Guides





# What does light do?

Guides

It illuminates danger





# What does light do?

Guides

Brings cheer

It illuminates danger







# What does light do?

Guides

Brings cheer

It illuminates danger

Brings security and safety






## Hold fast to the Scriptures

<sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life,  
so that in the day of Christ I may  
be proud that I did not run in vain  
or labor in vain.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:16 ESV**



**We all need to find ways to  
help us increase the way we  
hold fast to the word of life.**






**Be willing  
to give it all.**

<sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:17-18 ESV**



Paul was able to see God's greater **purpose** being worked out in all that was happening. When he thought about that it brought him **joy** and wanted others to share in the **joy** he was experiencing.

