

# GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 07/05

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Worship is an essential part of the Christian life. Here are **a few tips** for participating at home:

- **Push through the awkward.** Worshiping this way gets more comfortable with time.
- **Take turns leading** different sections below (Call to worship, prayer, benediction).
- **Take heart!** (if you have small children). They might not make it through the entire service and that's okay! They may need to have **a break to get some wiggles out.** You can also use the kids resources posted at: [opcmilford.org/kidsresources/](http://opcmilford.org/kidsresources/)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Read aloud before clicking play on the musical worship:**

*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.* (Philippians 1:21).

## PRAYER

*Father, my salvation is a work I didn't begin and you alone can finish. I could never perform my way out of my sin or earn my way into your love. From beginning to end, my salvation is all of grace—the whole redemptive enchilada. I contributed nothing but my sin, and you gave everything in your Son. Oh, the peace, joy, and freedom that comes with really believing the gospel is as complete and good as you declare it to be. And, Oh the wonder of realizing that one Day, I will be as lovely as and as loving as Jesus, for you WILL complete this good work of grace in my life. For so great a salvation I worship you; for so great a Savior, I adore you.*

## STREAM THE SERVICE

**BENEDICTION *Read aloud together:*** *Joseph said to the, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."* (Genesis 50:20)

# NOTES FOR THE SERMON

*Philippians 1:12-26*

**In God's hands, unexpected and unwanted events serve to advance the gospel.**

**In God's hands, unexpected and unwanted events turn out for our deliverance.**

**In God's hands, unexpected and unwanted events lead to others' progress and joy in the faith.**

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

(You are studying the passage for next Sunday. Try it out and see how the passage comes alive)

**GET STARTED** Pray for God to lead your group by His Word and Spirit.

**READ** Philippians 1:27-30 slowly as if for the 1st time. Mark down what you observe as you read/hear. Use the [COMMA Questions](#) and [Daily Devo](#) for additional insights.

## ASK

*Pick a few of these questions* and ask them as a group as you study the passage together.

## CONTEXT:

What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one?

Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

## OBSERVATION:

What seems to be the main point or points?

What sort of change does the author seem to be trying to bring about in the audience? In us?

What surprises you?

## MEANING:

How does this text relate to other parts of the book?

How does the passage relate to Jesus? How does He fulfill this command/ ideal/principle?

What does this passage teach you about God?

Why do you think God put this in the Bible?

How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

## MEDITATION:

**Adoration:** How can I love and praise God on the basis of what I've read? E

**Repentance:** How do I fail to realize this in my life? What wrong behavior, harmful emotions or attitudes result when I forget this?

**Gospel Thanks:** How can I thank Jesus as the ultimate revelation of this attribute of God and the ultimate answer to this sin or need of mine?

**Application:** See below...

## APPLICATION

How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?

Is there some attitude you need to change?

How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

How would you be different if this truth were powerfully real to you?