



Do we need to work
out our SALVATION?



Philippians 2:12-18



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*¹³ for it is **God who works in you both to will and to do** for His good pleasure.*

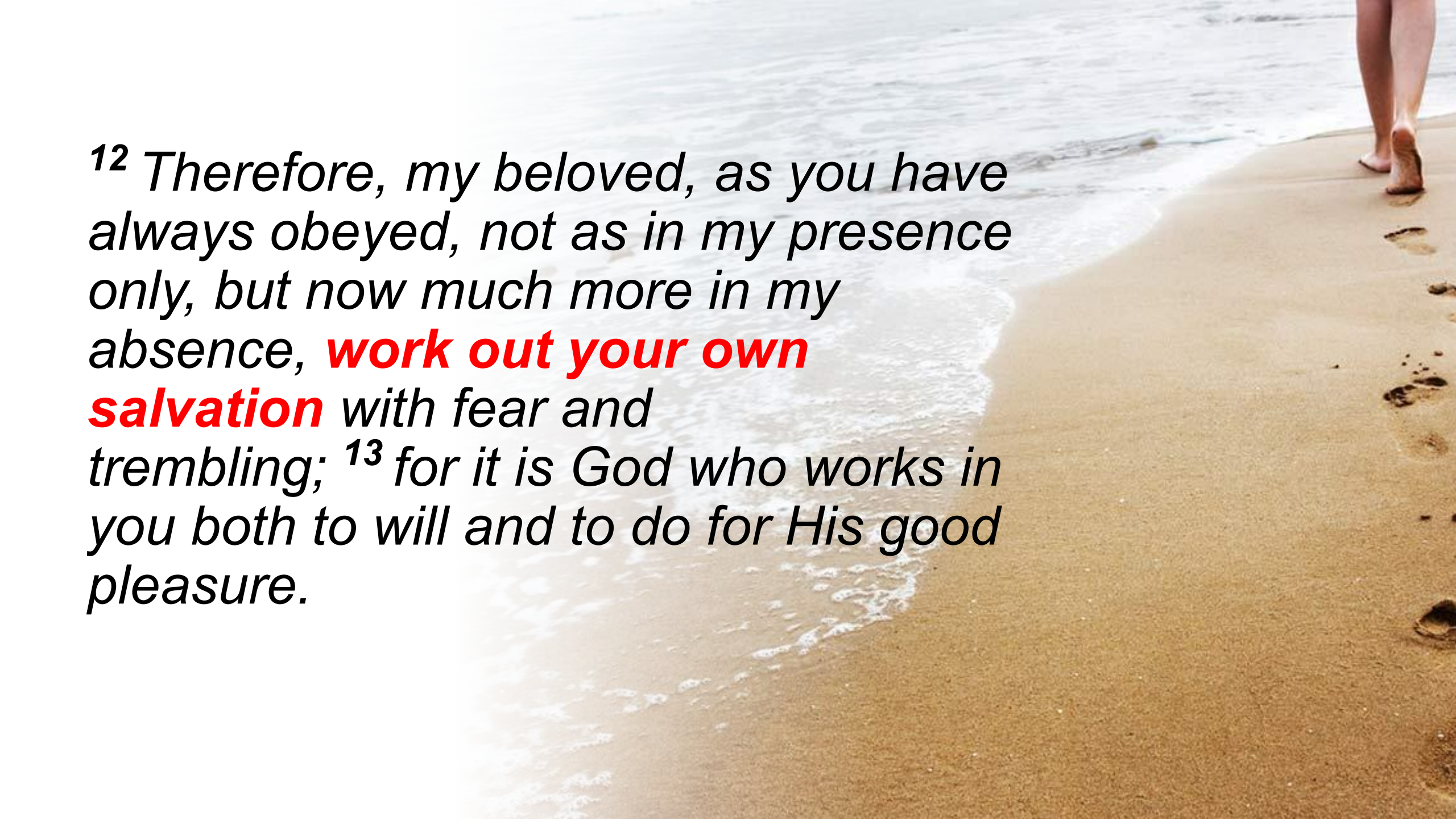
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A person's legs and feet are visible in the top right corner, walking on a sandy beach. The ocean waves are breaking on the shore, creating white foam. The sand is a light brown color, and there are some footprints visible in the sand.

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Is Salvation by Faith or Works?

A Gift, Not Earned

FOR **BY GRACE YOU HAVE
BEEN SAVED** THROUGH FAI
TH, AND THAT NOT OF
YOURSELVES; IT IS THE
GIFT OF GOD. EPH 2:8

True Faith Produces

BUT DO YOU WANT TO **Action**
KNOW, O FOOLISH MAN,
THAT **FAITH WITHOUT
WORKS IS DEAD**? JAMES
2:20

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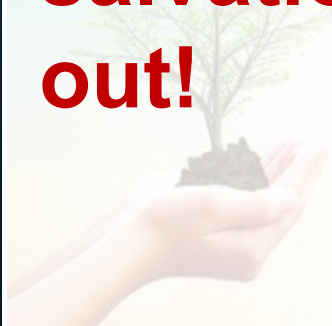
Work out

Bring about, cause to happen, produce

With fear and trembling

Awe, reverence

If you have salvation, work it out!



**Living for Christ
(1:21)**

**Living a life
worthy of his
calling (1:27)
Living a humble
life (2:3)**

**Fruitful:
Radiance
Reproducing**



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God is the One working in us

We cannot live Christ's life on our own

◆ **To will** - purpose, desire

◆ **To do** - strength to act

All for **His Good Pleasure**

In both big and small things

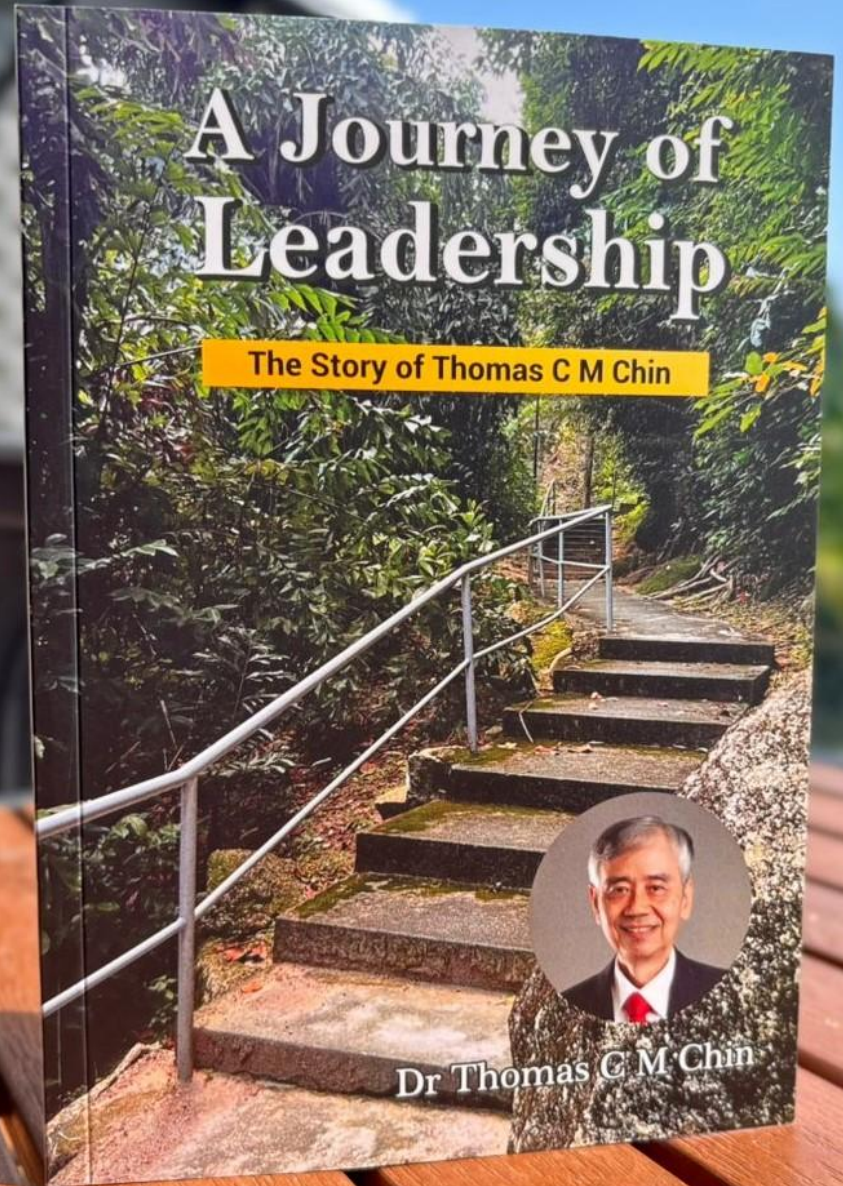
God gives both the desire and the power — we live it out

God is working powerfully within us

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Eph 3:20

- God's ability → beyond our imagination ✨
- God's power → already working in us 💡
- Our role → trust, submit, and live boldly 🙌



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In working out our salvation, we do all things without complaining and disputing

Complain – murmur, grumbling

Dispute – argue, question

Unhappy, negative spirit, poor relationships

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The World Around Us **Crooked and Perverse** **Generation**

- **Crooked** = unscrupulous, dishonest, corrupt

- **Perverse** = twisted, misled, sinful

Marked by malice, hatred, manipulation, injustice

Very Hard not to complain, argue, and condemn

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and disputing, without complaining and disputing ...



But in **all things**, throughout the day – not complaining and disputing

- Not having a complaining and disputing spirit **in life**
 - Even on the road
- As we live out our salvation
 - Have God's Joy and peace
 - Know that God is in control

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Become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault
Shining as lights of the world – living out our salvation



Our Calling

Shine as Lights ✨

Living out our salvation as shining lights

Not overwhelmed by the world's darkness
In a crooked, corrupt, and sinful world
Shining with joy, love and peace

CITY
ON A HILL

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Holding fast the word of life – holding on, obedient to the word, living out the word

Paul was glad and rejoice, his labor not in vain

Even as he was poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of their faith

GOD's Role

God is working in us to desire and do His will. Enabling us to do exceedingly abundantly

Our Role

We are working out our salvation with fear and trembling. Shining as lights of the world

God works IN → We work OUT → The world sees
CHRIST



Working Out Your Salvation

- Avail to God who is working in us
- Do all things without complaining or disputing
- Even in a crooked and perverse generation
 - Shine as lights of the world
 - Hold fast the word of life