

# { Dinnertime Devotionals }



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**Weekly Theme:** Philippians 2

**Verse #1:** Philippians 2:1-11

(I use the NKJV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

**All Ages Discussion Starter:** If you wanted a long passage to memorize with your family, this is the one! What a powerful reminder of the example that Christ set. Make sure your kids understand the term 'humility.' How could this mindset help many problem simply fade away?

**Verse #2:** Philippians 2:12-13

**All Age Discussion Starter:** A lot of people don't like the term 'fear.' When the Bible speaks of fear what does it mean? Is it the Halloween or boogey man kind of fear or is it a deep respect and awe struck wonder?

One thing that kids and adults are challenged with is motivation. It is easy when we are near the source to be strengthened and to remember what we are to be doing. What can we do to make sure we always remember our goal?

**Verse #3:** Philippians 2:14-18

**All Age Discussion Starter:** Is complaining and disputing a part of your home? I know it is something that we work with in our young children and I remember the quarrels I had with my siblings growing up. With loving instruction and correction from our parents we have outgrown these things. Why is it important for families, churches, and individuals to move past complaining and disputing? Do you want to be blameless and harmless in the sight of God? How do we rejoice in God today?

**Verse #4:** Philippians 2:19-24

**All Age Discussion Starter:** This portion of the letter to the church at Philippi seems like it might only apply to the time and audience of the original letter, but there is something for us to learn.

How important was it for Paul to have someone that he could fully trust and rely on? What words did Paul use to describe Timothy? Should we be this type of person to the people who are in our life? What did you learn from this section of the text?

**Verse #5:** Philippians 2:25-30

**All Age Discussion Starter:** The section of the letter regarding Epaphroditus is also interesting and worthy of study. What type of connection did he appear to have with the Philippians? Isn't it interesting to consider how close these relationships were even though distance was a big obstacle back then and they didn't have modern communication. How could we stay connected and encourage the people in our life?