Part 3: Is God Still Working?

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"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." **John 5:17b (NIV)**

4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:4-6 (NIV)

12 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, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. **Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)**

How is God Working?

- In, On, and Through His People by His Spirit!

John 14:15-27 (NIV) *ON - SCREEN*
John 16:5-15 (NIV) *ON - SCREEN*
Galatians 5:16-25 (NIV) *ON - SCREEN*

2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **Luke 10:2 (NIV)**

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:2-6 (NIV)

19 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 20To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. 21To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. 22To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. **1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV)**

Why does it seem that He isn't working?

1. **We aren't working**!
2. **We don't understand!**

7Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **John 13:7 (NIV)**

3. **We have asked God not to work**!

10 Finally, be strong in the LORD and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)**

What can we do?

1. **Take the next step**!
2. **Work in step with His Spirit**!
3. **Pray**!

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the LORD's people. **Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)**