



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOR THE GOSPEL
A BRIGHT LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD
PHILIPPIANS 2:14-18

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - October 30, 2022

1. Avoid _____
(v. 14)

Philippians 2:14–18 (ESV)

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 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, 16 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. 17 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. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

2. See _____
(vv. 15-16)

3. Sign-up _____
(vv. 17-18)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:9-11.** Why do you think these verses are so serious in warning us against complaining? Why do you think this sin is so offensive to God?

2. What things are you most tempted to complain about? If grumbling/complaining is what you need to “put off,” why attitudes/actions do you need to “put on” instead? Especially as you think about legitimately frustrating situations, what are some more constructive ways to approach the problem as opposed to merely grumbling about it?

3. **Reread Philippians 2:15-16.** What are some ways complaining could have a negative effect on your witness for Christ? On the other hand, what are some difficult situations where NOT complaining could actually create gospel opportunities?

4. What are some specific Bible passages or aspects of the gospel that you can “hold fast to” when you are tempted to complain this week?

5. So far, Philippians has shown Paul to be an example of joyful sacrifice & suffering (2:17-18) along with the ultimate example of Jesus Christ (2:5-8). What are you learning from these examples as you seek to joyfully serve even when it’s costly?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

DeMoss, Nancy Leigh. *Choosing Gratitude*. Moody Publishers, 2009.

Eliot, Elisabeth. *Through Gates of Splendor*. Tyndale Momentum, 1981.

MacArthur, John. *The Gospel According to Jesus*. Zondervan, 2008.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would root out complaining from our lives.
Pray that we would shine like stars in the Treasure Valley.

Pray that we would joyfully accept sacrifice and service.

Pray for continued fruit and lasting victory from the men’s retreat.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
10/31	Jeremiah 14-17	1 Peter 4
11/1	Jeremiah 18-21	1 Peter 5
11/2	Jeremiah 22-23	Hebrews 1
11/3	Jeremiah 24-26	Hebrews 2
11/4	Jeremiah 27-29	Hebrews 3
11/5	Jeremiah 30-31	Hebrews 4