

THE HUMBLE DON'T GRUMBLE

Philippians, #9

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Text: Philippians 2:14–18

Truth Points: What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. Read Philippians 2:14–15. The command in verse 14 is “do all things without grumbling or disputing.” How do you think this command ties into the instruction of verses 12 and 13? Why do you think Paul would choose this particular area of life to address? How much of life is included in “all things”?
2. Grumbling communicates “I deserve better.” Why is this attitude incompatible with the Gospel? According to Romans 6:23, what do we deserve? According to Philippians 3:9, what have we received?
3. Read 2:15–16. What phrases does Paul use to describe the purity of a believer? How is this a stark contrast to the world? What do “crooked” and “twisted” tell us about the world in which we live? How can this be both a challenge and a comfort for a believer?
4. What is “the Word of life” that Paul speaks of here? What does it mean to “hold fast” to it? What does it look like to hold onto and to hold out the Gospel in the midst of a dark world? Who have you seen do this really well in your life?
5. Read 2:16–18. Why would the perseverance of the Philippians bring Paul joy and make him proud? Is this a good kind of pride or a sinful kind of pride? What’s the difference? How does your faithfulness to Jesus bring joy to those who have invested in your life?

6. What is the drink offering according to Numbers 14:4–5? How is Paul’s life like a drink offering? How are the Philippians also living sacrificially (1:5, 1:7, 2:26, 4:10, 4:14–16)?
7. Why does sacrificial living bring joy? How is this the opposite of grumbling and disputing? Who do you know that does this really well?

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. Do I have a grumbling or disputing attitude? When things don’t go my way, do I feel that I deserve better, or do I thank God for the grace He has already shown me? How can I remind myself to have an attitude of thankfulness recognizing that I have already received more in Christ than I ever deserved?
2. Do I stand out in this world? Is there a notable difference in the conduct of my life and my contentment? Do I despair because of the crooked and twisted generation in which I live OR am I too comfortable in this world? What is the right balance for me to have as a believer?
3. Am I willing to live sacrificially, or have I gotten too comfortable in this world? Am I living like my Christian life is a cruise ship or a battleship? What changes do I need to make to be more others-focused and Jesus-focused?

Action Points: What am I going to do this week because of this truth?

1. Memorize Hebrews 12:1–3.
2. Listen to the Greatest Sermon EVER: Read Matthew 5:1–7:29, the Sermon on the Mount. What differences do you notice that make believers distinct in this world?
3. Share the Story: Share with a friend what you’re learning about Jesus in 2024.