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Worship Service
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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Fourteen • Philippians 2:14-18

Shining Like Stars

As Children of God

Stop WHINING like the world and start SHINING like stars in the world.

*Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 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, holding fast to the word of life...
Philippians 2:14-16*

Shining Like Stars

1. The Command: Don't Whine About ANYTHING in Life!

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, Philippians 2:14-15

Grumbling and Disputing

- Grumbling refers to MURMURING in a low voice to express dissatisfaction or displeasure, often accompanied by feelings of annoyance and anger.

Exodus 16:1-8 Numbers 11:1-6; 14:26; 21:5 Psalm 106:25

- Disputing refers to ARGUING, bickering, or quarreling that's divisive; it's verbal disagreement that stirs up distrust and doubt in others.

Why Do We Grumble and Argue?

We FORGET who we are (children of God) and what we have received (the word of life).

John 1:12 Ephesians 2:1-5, 8

2. The Purpose: So You Will Shine Like STARS in the World!

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Why Avoid Grumbling and Arguing?

So that you don't damage your WITNESS in the world.

Matthew 5:13

The World in Which We Live

We live in the midst of a CROOKED and TWISTED generation; a world that's morally and spiritually bent and deformed, corrupt and perverse.

Proverbs 2:13-15 Romans 1:29-31 Acts 2:40

Our Witness in the World

- Shine as bright lights in a DARK world: we should not blend in but stand out like bright stars in a dark sky.

Daniel 12:3 1Peter 2:9 Ephesians 5:8 Matthew 5:14

- Hold out the word of life to a DYING world: we can only hold forth the Gospel if we are holding firm to the Gospel.

John 6:68, 8:12

The Example of Paul's Life: Living for Christ without Regret

Don't WASTE your life; instead live WORTHY of the Gospel so that you may rejoice in the day of Christ.

*...so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 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. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.
Philippians 2:16-18*

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27