



*February 12 - 13 Sermon | **Philippians 2:12-18***

### **UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY**

In this week's DG, we received a couple reminders about Christian life. Read the passages below to refresh your memory about what Christian life entails.

1. Read Php. 2:12-18
  - a. What does Paul praise the Philippian church for in this passage?
  - b. What is the main command in this passage?
  - c. What is Paul's contribution to their spiritual growth?

### **CONNECT TO HIS STORY**

1. Read Num. 11:1-15
  - a. What is the historical context of this passage? Where was Israel camped previously and where are they going?

- b. The people complain on several occasions:
  - i. What sort of things are they desiring?
  - ii. How does God react to the complaints?
  - iii. What are the complaints a symbol of?
- c. How does Moses react to the challenge of leading grumbling and complaining people?

### **APPLY TO OUR STORY**

- 1. The challenge of Php. 2:12-18 is that Christians are called to do all things without grumbling or disputing, even in an increasingly indifferent and hostile world.
  - a. What is one area in your life where you have struggled with grumbling?
    - i. What sort of situations or events tend to make it easier to grumble?
    - ii. What is one commitment you can make to not grumble this week?
  - b. What is one area in your life where you have tended to dispute with others?
    - i. What makes it easier to dispute with others? When do you find this to be easier?
    - ii. What makes it harder to dispute with others? How can you avoid disputes?
    - iii. What is one commitment you can make to not dispute with others this week?

**PRAYER** Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

*Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?*

*Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?*

*Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?*