



*February 5 - 6 Sermon | Philippians 2:1-11*

### **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. 2:1-11.
  - a. What kind of behavior does Paul remind them to avoid?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What kind of behavior does Paul remind them to pursue?
  
2. Read 1 Pet. 4:12-13.
  - a. According to this passage, what is considered "normal" in regards to Christian life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What is the appropriate response to normal Christian life?

## CONNECT TO HIS STORY

1. Read Acts. 14:19-22
  - a. Why did Paul and Barnabas return to the cities they had been chased out of?
  - b. How does Paul understand saving faith in this passage?

## APPLY TO OUR STORY

1. Christian life entails battling the twin dangers of sin and suffering, and continuing to do so until you finish the race.
  - a. In 1 Pet. 4 and Acts 14 we are reminded to remain steadfast in the midst of suffering.
    - i. What was the biggest challenge you faced last year?
    - ii. How were you able to keep moving forward in the midst of it? Who helped you?
    - iii. What gives you hope in this new year so you can keep moving forward?
  - b. In Php. 2:1-11 the sins that are called out are selfishness and conceit.
    - i. When was a time in your life that you were impacted by the selfishness or conceit of someone else? How did you respond?
    - ii. How have you seen selfishness or conceit in yourself this past year?
    - iii. What has helped you battle these sins in your life?

**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?*