

# Joy in Complaining

May 10, 2020    *Philippians 2:13-16*

## OPENING QUESTION

Music legend Joe Walsh wrote the line “I can’t complain, but sometimes I still do/Life’s been good to me so far.” Do you ever feel that way?

## Joy in His Purposes - *Philippians 2:13*

Making peace with our purposes in God:

- ❖ They are HIS purposes, and they are good.
- ❖ He is working in us, and is with us

1. What does Paul mean by “God works in you”?
2. Have there been times when you realized God’s purpose and your purpose were not aligned?

## Joy in Our Circumstances - *Philippians 2:14*

- ❖ God had provided for the Israelites through very difficult times, but they still complained.
- ❖ Philippians is calling believers into unity instead of complaining and disputing
- ❖ Trust that God knows what we need and will provide.

1. When you’ve talked with others during the pandemic, how much of your conversation is complaining?
2. What would it look like for you to turn complaining into joy?

## Joy to the World - *Philippians 2:15-16*

- ❖ Blameless, innocent, without blemish, and shine as lights in the world
- ❖ The world needs to see joy, not complaining

1. What will you choose to do this week when someone begins to complain about their circumstances? How can you show them joy, light, and Jesus?



## CLOSING QUESTIONS

### Hear

What are some things that stood out to you in this week’s sermon and Scriptures?

### Obey

How will you be intentional about shining joy in a crooked and bent world this week instead of perpetuating the cycle of complaining? Is there an example for you to follow in these verses?

### Pray

Choose one or two particular applications from this passage and prayerfully consider how you might pursue joy and faithfulness. How can you pray for one another in these areas this week?