



# Best Summer Ever

Living Life  
to the Fullest

## **WEEK 4: SHINE LIKE STARS**

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### **PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18 (NIV)**

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. 17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

# **NOTES**

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

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# GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Read Phil. 2:12-18. Where have you found yourself “grumbling and arguing” lately? What things / relationships / circumstances have been stealing your joy?

The “warped and crooked generation” Paul talks about in verse 15 is a reference to the Old Testament Israelites who had been chosen by God to represent Him. How can grumbling and arguing as Christian keep you from “shining like a star?” (Verse 15)

Verse 18 is plural, present, imperative...”all of you, right now, choose joy, together.” How does the gospel (“word of life”) help us do that and protect us from grumbling and arguing?

## A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Philippians 2:14 (NLT) - “Do everything without complaining and arguing.”

## TAKE A STEP:

Verse 18 of Philippians 2 is an invitation to choose joy. How can you do that this week? Think creatively!

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# ALL IN, TOGETHER

## GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget:	\$10,187
Given June 25th:	\$8,159
Difference:	(\$2,028)

2023 Annual Budget:	\$529,724
2023 Budget YTD:	\$254,675
2023 Given YTD:	\$227,076
Difference:	(\$27,600)

## BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC June 25th:	\$903
BYC YTD:	\$60,077
BYC Total Given:	\$283,569

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