



message OUTLINE

WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT NOW?!

Sermon Series: UNIMAGINED JOY: A Study of Philippians

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• NOTES •

TEXT: Philippians 1:27-29; 2:14, 15

I. 4 COMMON TYPES OF COMPLAINERS

1. **WHINER** How Come Everything Always Happens to Me

David • *"Have I been wasting my time? Why take all the trouble to be pure?
All I get out of it is trouble and woe."*

Ps. 73:13

2. **MARTYR** No One Appreciates Me

Moses • *"Moses said to the Lord, 'Why pick on me, to give me the burden
of a people like this? Let me out of this impossible situation!'"*

Num. 11:11, 15

3. **CYNIC** Things Will Never Change

Solomon • *"Life is useless... you spend your life working and what do you
have to show for it? ...The world stays just the same... what has been done
before will be done again."*

Eccl. 1:2-4, 9

4. **PERFECTIONIST** Is That the Best You Can Do?

Philip • *"We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about
whom the prophets also wrote..."*

Jn. 1:45

II. TOP SELF-DECEPTIONS OF COMPLAINERS

Lie #1. I'm not good enough

Truth #1. So what. God loves what I'm doing anyways!

"If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness... God's power works best in my weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9, 11:30

Lie #2. It's too late

Truth #2. It's never too late. God saves the best for last.

"...but you have saved the best (wine) till now." Jn. 2:10

Lie #3. Why bother starting I can't finish.

Truth #3. I don't know how long this will take, but if God's in it, I'll make it!

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Phil. 1:6

Lie #4. People don't like me

Truth #4. Not everyone likes me, but God still thinks I'm terrific!

"It's a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by any human court... but the one who examines me is the Lord." 1 Cor. 4:3,4

Lie #5. People are out to get me

Truth #5. Even if that's true, it won't be my end. God's love for me still wins in the end!

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good..." Gen. 50:20

III. OVERCOMING COMPLAINING

1. Acknowledge a Negative & Complaining Spirit

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful, but if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Prov. 28:13

2. Confess a Critical Spirit

"Some people ruin themselves by their own stupid mistakes and then blame the Lord." Prov. 19:3

3. Ask For an Attitude of Gratitude

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:18

4. Place God in Your Circumstances

"...we fix our attention, not on the things that are seen, but on the things that are unseen. What is seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever." 2 Cor. 4:17, 18

5. Be Positive in Your Speech

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Eph. 4:29