

## **Complaining: Rewriting the Story God is Writing**

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### **Philippians 2:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup>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 <sup>16</sup>as you hold firmly to the word of life.

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The Sin of Complaining

###### 1. Grumbling

- to mutter in discontent

###### 2. Complaining

- to express grief, pain, or discontent
- the symptom of a deep-seated spiritual problem
- a failure to trust God and submit to His will

##### B. How does complaining affect your life story?

#### II. God’s Story

##### A. Elements of a story

##### B. Biblical examples of Complaining

1. Blaming God
2. Unbelief
3. A failure to trust God
4. Rejection of God’s will
5. Rebellion against God

#### III. Our Story

##### A. How do we fit into God’s story?

##### B. Why do we complain?

1. Discontentment
2. Unmet expectations
3. Control
4. Ignorance

##### C. Author/Character Interview

##### D. Biographies

#### IV. Embracing the Story God is Writing