

Morning Lesson

COMPLAIN OR ACT?

John 16:33

INTRO:

1. We want everything to go smoothly without any glitches or trouble and when it doesn't, we tend to complain.
2. But what we want is not always realistic because life is not a smooth ride.
4. Jesus warned of trouble and persecution. **John 16:33; John 15:18, 19**

I. DOES COMPLAINING HELP?

- A. It doesn't help the situation improve.
- B. It doesn't help us feel any better about whatever the trouble is.
- C. It doesn't make us enjoyable to be around and may isolate us from others who could help.

II. ACTION IS A BETTER RESPONSE.

- A. When Jesus saw problems, he took action.
 1. When money changers at the temple. **John 2:13-17**
 2. When crowds were hungry. **John 5:5-13**
 3. When he saw suffering. **James 2:14-17**
- B. He is our example. **1 Pet. 2:21**

III. CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT COMPLAIN, BUT ACT.

- A. **Phil. 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing.**
- B. If we see a need, try meeting it.
- C. If we see something being overlooked, try responding positively.
- D. Our problem sometimes is that if we identify a problem and voice a complaint, we feel we have done our duty.
- E. We have not done our duty until faith moves us to action.
James 1:22; 2:26
- F. Faith is the powerful, active, assertive action of a true believer.
Heb. 11:4, 7, 8, 17-19, 23-26, 32-34

CONC:

1. Act!
2. Don't complain.