

Morning Lesson

WHY AM I HURTING?

2 Tim. 3:10-14

INTRO:

1. We all have difficult days.
2. Is it my fault?
3. Am I doing something wrong?

I. WE ALL HAVE HARD TIMES.

- A. Jesus said so. **John 16:1, 2, 33**
- B. Paul said so. **2 Tim. 3:12**
- C. There are many examples in scripture. (Job, Joseph, Daniel, Stephen)

II. TRIALS ARE NOT PROOF OF SIN OR GUILT.

- A. All people need to repent. Afflictions is not equated with sin. **Luke 13:1-5**
- B. The godly will suffer. **2 Tim. 3:12**
- C. Paul suffered as if he was an evildoer. **2 Tim. 2:8, 9**
- D. We may suffer from doing good. **1 Pet. 3:13-17**

III. HARD TIMES CAN PRODUCE SOME BENEFITS.

- A. I can learn contentment. **Phil. 4:11, 12**
- B. I can learn obedience and submission. **Heb. 5:8, 9**
- C. Godlike characteristics are magnified when seen by others during suffering. **2 Cor. 12:9, 10**

IV. HARD TIMES CAN BE OVERCOME.

- A. God limits their impact. **1 Cor. 10:13**
- B. They can turn undeserved suffering into glory to God and solidify our commitment to him. **1 Pet. 4:15,16,19**

V. HARD TIMES DO NOT MAKE MY SERVICE TO GOD FUTILE.

- A. Hard times are temporary. **2 Cor. 4:16-18**
- B. Labor for God is not in vain. **1 Cor. 15:58**
- C. The reward of our labor is a crown of life. **2 Tim. 4:6-8**

CONC:

1. Our lives can still be joyful. **1 Pet. 4:13**