

# Evening Lesson

## COMPLAIN OR ACT?

**John 16:33**

### INTRO:

1. Aren't humans good at complaining?
2. What we want is not always realistic because life is not a smooth ride.
3. 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 things.
- C. It doesn't make us enjoyable to be around.

### II. ACTION IS A BETTER RESPONSE.

- A. When Jesus saw problems, he took action.
  1. When money changers took over the temple, he did something about it. **John 2:13-17**
  2. When crowds were hungry, he fed them.  
**John 6:5-13**
  3. When he saw suffering, he was moved to alleviate it. **James 2:14-17**

B. He is our example. **1 Pet. 2:21**

### III. CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT COMPLAIN, BUT ACT.

- A. **Phil. 2:14**
- 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.