

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 6/19/24

*"Sometimes the clouds are low, I can hardly see the road. I ask a question,
Lord, Lord, why so much pain? But He knows what's best for me,
Although my weary eyes, They can't see, So I'll just say,
'Thank you, Lord!' I won't complain."*

– by Rev. Don Johnson & Rev. Paul Jones



I Won't Complain



WHAT IS COMPLAINING?

Psalm 106:21-25 ESV

"They **forgot** God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. Therefore He said He would destroy them—had not Moses, His chosen one, stood in the breach before Him, to turn away His wrath from destroying them. Then they **despised** the pleasant land, having no faith in His promise. They **murmured** in their tents, and **did not obey** the voice of the Lord."

Job 10:1 ESV

"I **loathe** my life; I will give free utterance to my **complaint**; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul."

Job 31:35 CEV

"Why doesn't God All-Powerful **listen** and answer? If God has something against me, let Him speak up or put it in writing!"

WHY DO PEOPLE [WHY DO I?] COMPLAIN?

Psalm 73:3 NLT

"For I **envied** the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness."

IS COMPLAINING A SIN?

Jeremiah 12:1 ESV

"Righteous are You, O Lord, when I **complain** to You; yet I would plead my case before You. Why does the way of the **wicked** prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?"

Psalm 22:1-4 ESV

"My God, my God, why have you **forsaken** me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

"Yet....You ARE holy, enthroned/dwelling on the praises of Israel. In You our fathers **trusted**; they **trusted**, and You delivered them."

HOW CAN I STOP COMPLAINING?

1 Peter 4:1-2 NLT

"Now since Christ suffered and underwent **pain**, you MUST have the SAME **attitude** that HE did; you MUST be ready to suffer, too. For remember, when your body suffers, sin loses its power, and you won't spend the rest of your lives **chasing** your own desires, but you WILL BE **EAGER** to DO the will of God, to do the GOOD that God wants you to do."

FROM Philippians 2:14-16 NLT

"Do everything **without** complaining and bickering, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. **Hold** firmly to the Word of life...."

Psalm 69:32-33 NLT, ESV

"The **humble** will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who **seek** God's help be encouraged. For the Lord hears the cries of the needy; He does not **despise** His own people who are prisoners."

Go to a hospital....Go to a nursing home....Go to a State Home for invalid children...