

Morning Lesson

BELIEVERS ARE NOT ALWAYS SMILING

Phil. 4:11-13

INTRO:

1. "If you can smile when things go wrong
And say it doesn't matter,
If you can laugh off cares and woes
And trouble makes you gladder,
If you can keep a cheerful face
When all around are blue,
Then have your head examined. bud,
There's something wrong with you.
For one thing I've arrived at:
There are no ands or buts,
A guy that's grinning all the time
Must be completely nuts."
2. No one stays up all the time.

I. TROUBLE ENTERS EVERY LIFE.

- A. Jesus told us that we would have difficulty. **John 16:33**
- B. Jesus had sorrow in his life. **Isa. 53:3**

II. PAUL IS AN EXAMPLE.

- A. He could do all things because he knew how to fail.
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- B. He admitted there were times when he was down.
2 Cor. 7:6
- C. He had times when friends were not around.
2 Tim. 4:16

CONC:

1. Being a Christian is not a glorified picnic and God does not promise us smooth sailing.
2. He does promise a safe landing.
3. It isn't the absence of conflict, but the presence of Christ that makes life abundant. **John 10:10**