

## HAVING SUPERNATURAL JOY IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLES.

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### 1. WE NEED TO LEARN HOW TO EXPERIENCE JOY IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH THE PRESSURES OF LIFE.

#### 1Thessalonians 1:6-BBE (Bible in Basic English)

And you took *us and the Lord* as your example, after the word had come to you in much trouble, with joy in the Holy Spirit;

7 So that you became an example to all those who have faith in Christ ...

**Message Bible:** ... In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!-- taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble.

7 Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you?

**ESV:** ... And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,...

**Affliction:** *conveys the idea of a heavy-pressure situation.*

### 2. WE NEED TO LEARN THAT JOY IS SUPERNATURAL AND A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

“joy” is *chara*, derived from *charis*, the Greek word for *grace*. *chara* (“joy”) is produced by the charis (“grace”) of God.

### 3. JOY COMES AS WE SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE SPIRIT, STAYING IN HIS WORD.

**John 14:16 CJB-** “...and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

**2Co 1:3** Praised be God, Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, compassionate Father, God of all encouragement and comfort;

4 who encourages us in all our trials, so that we can encourage others in whatever trials they may be undergoing with the encouragement we ourselves have received from God.

#### **Psalm 16:11-GW**

... You make the path of life known to me. Complete joy is in your presence. *Pleasures are by your side forever.*

#### **Romans 15:13-(ERV)**

I pray that the *God who gives hope* will fill you with much joy and peace as you trust in him. Then you will have more and more hope, and it will flow out of you by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Philippians 3:1-Amp.**

...FOR THE rest, my brethren, delight yourselves in the Lord and continue to rejoice that you are in Him...

**Rejoice:** *feel or show great joy or delight.*

### 4. JOY IS A STRENGTH THAT WE NEED TO COPE IN LIFE.

#### **Nehemiah 8:10-ERV**

... Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy the good food and sweet drinks. Give some food and drinks to those who didn't prepare any food. Today is a special day to our Lord. Don't be sad, because the joy of the LORD will make you strong."

#### **Philippians 4:13-GNB**

... I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.

#### **Acts 20:23-24-Amp.**

Except that the Holy Spirit clearly and emphatically affirms to me in city after city that imprisonment and suffering await me.

24 But none of these things move me; neither do I esteem my life dear to myself, if only I may finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have obtained from [which was entrusted to me by] the Lord Jesus, faithfully to attest to the good news (Gospel) of God's grace (His unmerited favor, spiritual blessing, and mercy).

#### **Romans 5:2-3-BBE**

... Through whom, in the same way, we have been able by faith to come to this grace in which we now are; and let us have joy in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but let us have joy in our troubles; in the knowledge that trouble gives us the power of waiting;(endurance)

#### **Psalm 28:7-NLT**

... The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust Him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy.

**Today's Confession:** *“My relationship with Jesus is the source of my joy. No matter what the situation looks like, I will always know that God is with me.*