KEEPING OUR JOY IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM. Sunday, February 7th, 2021 Audie Clairmont

Psalms 51:12-Passion

Let my *passion for life be restored, tasting joy in every breakthrough you bring to me*. Hold me close to you with a willing spirit that obeys whatever you say.

1. TRUE JOY AND HAPPINESS CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN GOD.

Ecclesiastes 2:3-NLT

3 After much thought, I decided to cheer myself with wine. And while still seeking wisdom, I clutched at foolishness. In this way, *I tried* to experience the only happiness most people find during their brief life in this world.

Ecclesiastes 2:25-26-NLT

25...For who can eat or enjoy anything *apart from Him?*26 God gives wisdom, knowledge, *and joy to those who please Him*. But if a sinner becomes wealthy, God takes the wealth away and *aives it to those who please Him*.

2. YOUR <u>VICTORY</u> IN HIM IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO YOUR JOY IN HIM.

Nehemiah 8:10-AMP.

And *be not grieved and depressed*, for <u>the joy of the Lord is your</u> strength and stronghold.

Hebrews 1:9-AMP

9 Therefore God, [even] Your God (Godhead), has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy and gladness above and beyond Your companions. [Ps. 45:6, 7.]

3. WE NEED TO LEARN TO REJOICE IN HIM IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS.

Philippians 4:4-Amp.

... Rejoice in the Lord <u>always</u> [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice!

Passion - Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let joy overflow, *for you are united with the Anointed One*!

Philippians 4:6...Passion... Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faithfilled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life,...

Romans 5:3-Message Bible

... We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us,...

John 15:10-11-NLT

When you obey My commandments, you remain in My love, just as I obey My Father's commandments and remain in His love.

11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

Passion - My purpose for telling you these things is so that <u>the joy that I</u> <u>experience will fill your hearts with overflowing gladness!</u>

Joy and happiness is a natural result of <u>knowing God</u> and of <u>experiencing His</u> <u>love</u>.

Philippians 3:1-Passion

My beloved ones, <u>don't ever limit your joy or fail to rejoice in the wonderful</u> experience of knowing our Lord Jesus!

Philippians 4:13-Passion

And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me <u>to conquer</u> <u>every difficulty</u>.

Philippians 4:1-KJV

"Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."

Passion - Now arise in the fullness of your union with our Lord.