

Volume 1 – Day 20: Joy *and* Happiness Are Yours

Jesus said, “No one can take away your joy.” You can give it up. But don’t give it up! You need to take hold of it and have the joy of your salvation restored to you. You need to take it up. You need to live in it. You have a right to be happy because Jesus purchased that right. You have a right to live with a smile on your face. You have a right to know that you are incredibly loved and to be amazingly happy about it. You need to abide in the happiness of God. You need to live there; camp there. It’s important to the Father that you’re happy. It’s so important that we are the happiest people on earth.

Even on our worst days we have God with us. He is with us. He is for us. Even when He’s praying to the Father, Jesus prayed this in John 17, “But now I come to you and these things I speak out in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.” So when you are in Christ you are a partaker of *His* righteousness. You’re a partaker of *His* obedience. You’re a partaker of how *He* is wonderfully loved. And you are a partaker of *His* happiness and *His* joy.

Everything that He is belongs to you. That’s why the Father put you into Him, so that everything in Christ belongs to you. Every word that God speaks to you is designed to lead you into an experience where joy is one of the outcomes. What Jesus speaks in prayer to the Father He also speaks to us. John 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you, so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full.” It’s time to get filled with the joy of the Lord.

If you are feeling badly right now, is it because of your vision of God or the vision of your circumstances?

Do you know how to acquire joy in the experience of difficulty?
My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

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