

The Gospel is Joy's Main Ingredient!





I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy...

John 16:20-21 ESV

...It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world.

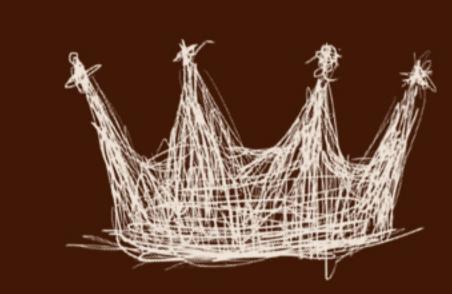
John 16:20-21 ESV

We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us...

...We are honest, but they call us impostors. We are ignored, even though we are well known...

...We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed...

...Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.



Infone to Table

We try to Forget it



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We try to Avoid it



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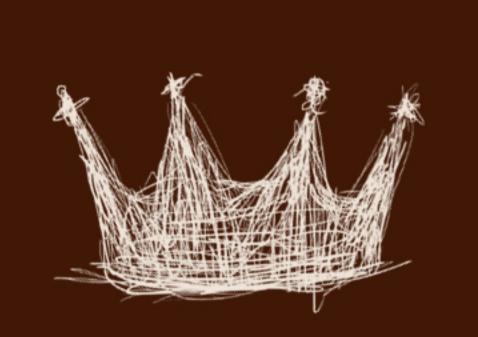


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We try to Deny it



Throne to Table

He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies...

Isaiah 61:2-4 NLT

...To all who mourn in Israel,
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,
festive praise instead of despair...

...In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory. They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities destroyed long ago...

Isaiah 61:2-4 NLT

...They will revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people...

...God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."...

Revelation 21:3-5 NLT

...And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."



So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice.

John 16:22a NLT

Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Psalm 30:4-5 NLT

Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.



No one can rob you of that joy.

John 16:22b NLT

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?...

Romans 8:35,37,39 NLT

...No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us...

...No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.



In that day you will ask nothing of me.
Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you
ask of the Father in my name,
he will give it to you...

...Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone...

John 12:23-24 NLT

...But its death will produce many new kernels— a plentiful harvest of new lives."

Always be joyful. Never stop praying.

Be thankful in all circumstances,

for this is God's will for you who

belong to Christ Jesus.

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The Right Way:

<u>Keeping My Eyes Fixed on Jesus</u>

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up...

Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT

...And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith...

Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT

...Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne...

...Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.