



# The Gospel According to John – An Overcoming Joy.

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## SERMON TEXT // John 16:16-33 English Standard Version

<sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

<sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

## SERMON POINTS //

### 1. A **Principle** to Understand Joy. (vv.16-22)

*The object that caused the disciples pain presently would produce great joy eventually.*

### 2. A **Power** that Brings Joy. (vv.23-27)

*The power to transform that which produces sorrow into that which produces joy is the power of prayer.*

### 3. A **Position** that Leads to Ultimate Joy. (vv.28-33)

*We don't fight for victory. We fight from a position of victory. Jesus has already overcome.*

*Tribulation **WILL** come and indeed **HAS** come, but we can find joy and peace by looking to Christ and resting in him.*

REFLECT. || POINT. || MAKE.



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**Question 1** // Read **John 16:16-33**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

**Question 2** // Verse twenty-two says, ***So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*** On this, Bill communicated that the disciples could hold onto this principle: *the object of their pain presently would produce great joy eventually. Discuss this. Do you have any examples of great hardships that resulted in the production of great joy in your own life?*

**Question 3** // ***The power to transform that which produces sorrow into that which produces joy is the power of prayer.*** Prayer produces joy. ***Can you think of times that your prayer life has produced great joy?*** We know what the scriptures say about prayer. ***Why don't we do it more often?*** *Take some time as a group to share together.*

**Question 4** // There is peace knowing that Christ has overcome this world. ***How do we walk in this peace consistently and not lose focus?*** *Discuss current events through biblical lenses and how we can walk in the peace only found in Christ.*

### Reflection & Prayer

Spend time in praying asking for an opportunity to experience overcoming joy daily. We will not be able to do it apart from the Lord. As you pray, or listen to other pray, seek the Lord and ask Him to help identify areas in your current like that are stealing your joy and ask Him to replace them with things that bring you joy - the overcoming joy that only He can bring.

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