

## **Living The Exciting Life of Faith**

Heaven is an exciting place because God is in full manifestation there. When God manifests, excitement follows naturally - after all, He is the originator and author of all excitement. The Bible tells us that "in his presence is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore." This isn't just a future promise; it's available to us now as we follow Jesus.

### **Why Following Jesus is Never Boring**

Consider Jesus' earthly ministry. From what we read in the Gospels, there wasn't a single boring day with Him. The Bible even says that if everything Jesus did was written down, "the world wouldn't be able to contain the books." That's not the description of a mundane life - that's the testimony of someone whose very existence overflowed with purpose, power, and excitement.

We're following this same exciting Lord and Savior. If you follow Him really close, your life will become exciting to be around. The problem isn't with Jesus - it's that many believers have settled for an idle, robotic existence instead of embracing the abundant life He offers.

### **The Danger of Idle Living**

When people live idle lives, they create idols. Boredom leads to bondage because people start looking for excitement in all the wrong places. They create negative drama, get caught up in ungodly entertainment, or fall into sinful patterns - all because their lives lack the genuine excitement that comes from walking closely with God.

But when you're following Jesus and your life becomes genuinely exciting, you're happy to be around yourself. You don't need external entertainment or drama because you have what Proverbs 15:15 describes: "He who is of a merry heart has a continual feast."

### **Understanding Your True Identity:**

#### **You Are Holy, Not a Sinner**

One of the biggest obstacles to living an exciting Christian life is a wrong understanding of your identity. If you keep saying "I'm just an old sinner saved by grace," then you'll keep living like an old sinner. What do old sinners do? They sin. And sin gets old quickly - it loses its excitement and begins to destroy your life.

But the truth is, if Jesus is the Lord of your life, you've been redeemed by His blood. You're no longer common - you've been sanctified, set apart, made holy. The Bible says you are "the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus." You're not trying to become holy; you already are holy because of what Jesus did.

## **Living from Your New Nature**

When you know you're holy, it becomes easy to live holy. You're not an old sinner trying to be good - you're a new creation living out your true nature. As 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

You need to look in the mirror of God's Word regularly and remind yourself who you are. When the world makes you feel defeated or dirty, go back to Scripture and declare: "I'm the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I've been made to sit together in heavenly places. I'm a member of the body of Christ. I am holy, set apart for God."

## **Maintaining Spiritual Excitement:**

### **The Power of Praise and Worship**

The Bible commands us to "rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!" That word "rejoice" means to celebrate, get excited, jump up, spin around. It's talking about genuine enthusiasm for God.

Look at Psalm 126:1-3: "When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, wherefore we are glad."

Notice that even unbelievers could see that God had done great things for His people. Your joy should be so evident that others take notice and recognize God's goodness in your life.

## **Dealing with Spiritual Attacks**

When the enemy tries to bring sickness, depression, or fear into your life, you need to respond from your position of victory. Remind the devil - and yourself - of who you are in Christ. Declare: "I don't get sick because by His stripes I was healed. I don't get depressed because the joy of the Lord is my strength. I don't fear because God has given me a spirit of power, love, and sound mind."

The devil is actually a defeated enemy who tries to put his problems on you. Don't accept his depression, anxiety, or fear. Those are his problems, not yours.

## **Learning from Israel's Wilderness Experience:**

### **The Consequence of Complaining**

The children of Israel provide a powerful example of what happens when we lose our spiritual excitement. They came out of Egypt with great victory, singing and dancing and rejoicing. But after three days, they began to murmur and complain about everything - water, food, their circumstances.

What was the result? They kept going around the same mountain for 40 years. They never made it to the Promised Land because they mixed their praising with murmuring and complaining.

## **The Straight Path to Your Promised Land**

If the Israelites had maintained their excitement and continued praising God through every challenge, they would have had a straight shot into the Promised Land. Instead of complaining about no water, they could have said, "Praise God! We know who brought us out of Egypt. We know God split the Red Sea. He's got a plan here, and it's going to be exciting!"

This is written as an example for us. If you feel like you're going around the same mountain in your life, the answer is simple: stop murmuring and get happy. Maintain the excitement you had when you first got saved.

## **The Joy of Intimate Prayer**

Prayer should be exciting because it's getaway time with God. Jesus regularly got away from people to spend time with the Father, sometimes praying all night. This wasn't a burden for Him - it was a delight.

When you draw near to God in prayer, spiritual gifts get activated. You'll find yourself speaking in tongues naturally. You'll receive inspiration, ideas, and wisdom from God. The call of God on your life gets stirred up, and you become an exciting person to be around.

## **Life Application**

This week, make a conscious decision to live from your true identity as a holy, redeemed child of God. Stop seeing yourself as "just a sinner" and start declaring what God's Word says about you. Set aside time each day to get alone with God in prayer, allowing His presence to fill you with genuine excitement and joy.

When challenges come, respond from your position of victory rather than reacting in fear or complaint. Remember that you're following the most exciting Person who ever lived, and He wants to lead you into an abundant, thrilling life.

## **Ask yourself these questions:**

- Am I living from my identity as a holy, redeemed child of God, or am I still seeing myself as "just a sinner"?
- What areas of my life have become idle or boring, and how can I invite God's excitement into those places?

- When was the last time I spent quality time alone with God in prayer, allowing His presence to fill me with joy?
- Am I complaining about my circumstances, or am I maintaining the excitement of my salvation and trusting God's plan?

The Lord has done great things for you - therefore, be glad! Your life in Christ should be so exciting and joy-filled that others can see God's goodness and want what you have. Stop settling for spiritual boredom and step into the abundant, exciting life Jesus died to give you.

## Quotes

1. "Heaven is an exceedingly exciting place because God is there in His full manifestation."
2. "God is an exciting God. Every truly exciting thing originates with Him."
3. "We are following a wonderfully exciting Lord and Savior."
4. "The closer you follow Him, the more your own life will become exciting to live—and exciting to be around."
5. "Many people have idols in their lives because they have too much idle time. An idle life easily gives birth to many idols."
6. "He who has a merry heart enjoys a continual feast."
7. "You are holy—set apart, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, washed by His blood, sanctified unto God, and now wholly His."
8. "You are not like everyone else."
9. "You have been raised far above the world's standards and limitations."
10. "You live a sanctified life because you know you have been sanctified. You live a holy life because you know He has already made you holy."
11. "The way you believe about yourself in Christ will determine how you walk through life."
12. "If all you believe is that you are an old sinner saved by grace, you will likely continue identifying with the sins of your old life."

13. “When you know that you are holy in Christ, living a holy life becomes the natural expression of who you are.”
14. “I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. The world may try to make me feel like an old sinner, but the Word reminds me of my true identity.”
15. “The world can quickly leave you feeling defiled and discouraged. That is why you must return continually to the Word and remind yourself who you are in Christ.”
16. “Prayer is an exciting privilege because it is a sacred getaway into the presence of God.”
17. “The Lord has done great things for us, and therefore we are glad. Our gladness becomes a visible testimony to the world.”
18. “Wherever you go, there you are. Changing your marriage, your job, or your location will not solve what is unresolved within you.”
19. “You can be surrounded by miserable people and still refuse to be miserable. I choose not to yield to misery; I choose to yield to gladness.”
20. “The reason Israel never entered the Promised Land was that they kept mixing murmuring with their praise. Complaining will keep you circling the same mountain.”

## **Verses**

1. Proverbs 15:15
2. Psalm 126:1
3. Matthew 8:17

## **Summary**

Many believers have settled for boring, idle lives instead of embracing the exciting abundant life Jesus offers. The problem isn't with Jesus - His earthly ministry was never boring, and following Him closely should make your life exciting too. When you understand your true identity as holy and righteous in Christ rather than just a sinner saved by grace, it becomes natural to live from that new nature. Boredom leads to bondage as people seek excitement in wrong places, but genuine joy comes from intimate time with God in prayer and worship. Like the Israelites who wandered 40 years because they complained instead of maintaining their excitement, we can get stuck going around the same mountain when we lose our spiritual enthusiasm.