



# JOHN

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

16:16-33

Joy in the Midst of Sorrow,  
Peace in the Midst of Trouble



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<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> In that day you will ask in my name,



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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,



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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.”





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<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

**John 20:19-20**



## Joy In The Midst Of Prayer vs. 23-28

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They lifted their voices together to God and said...

Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.



**ACTS 4:24, 29-31**

## Peace In The Midst Of Trouble vs. 29-33

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Everyone who has been born of God  
overcomes the world.

And this is the victory that has overcome  
the world our faith. Who is it that  
overcomes the world except the one who  
believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**1 John 5:4-5**



*Let us lean back our souls on these comfortable words, and take courage.*

*The storms of trial and persecution may sometimes beat heavily on us; but let them only driver us closer to Christ. The sorrows, and losses, and crosses, and disappointments of our life may often make us feel sorely cast down; ...*

*- J.C. Ryle*

*but let them only make us tighten our hold on  
Christ. And armed with this very great promise  
let us, under every cross, come boldly to the  
throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and  
find grace to help in time of need.*

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