

WHEN KINGS GO TO BATTLE... AND WHEN KINGS CELEBRATE

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MAIN IDEA

Live your life like a _____ - and celebrate the _____ things.

Recurring question: God, what _____ is it?

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - There is a time for everything: to weep/laugh, mourn/dance.

CELEBRATING TOO EARLY

Hayward Field: nothing was wrong with celebration - he was a few feet too _____.

2 Samuel 11:1 - When kings went to battle, David stayed home. Know your season.

1 Kings 20:11 - Don't boast like one taking armor off while you are still putting it on.

Don't take your armor off while there is still a battle - but don't _____ in your armor when God has given you peace.

2 Timothy 4:7 - Fight the good fight. Finish the race. Keep the faith.

LIVE YOUR LIFE LIKE A CELEBRATION

James 4:14 - life is a mist. Psalm 144:4 - a breath / fleeting shadow. Psalm 90:12 - number your days.

I don't want to waste my limited life on bitterness, unforgiveness, fear or yesterday's offense.

Let's make a _____.

I don't want tomorrow's possibility to rob me of today's _____.

COUNT IT ALL JOY

James 1:2-4 - Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds; testing produces perseverance.

Not IF trials come - _____. Count it all joy doesn't mean call it all _____.

My joy is not rooted in circumstances. My joy is rooted in _____.

Pain comes? **Turn to Jesus.** Anxiety comes? **Give it to Jesus.**

1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Faith doesn't deny the weight. Faith decides who _____ it.

PHILIPPIANS 4 - JOY CAN BE LEARNED

Philippians 4:4-7 - Rejoice. Pray. Give thanks. Give it to God. Receive His peace.

Philippians 4:11-13 - Paul: I have _____ to be content whatever the circumstances.

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CELEBRATE THE RIGHT THINGS

I cannot celebrate your _____, but I can celebrate your _____.

Ephesians 4:29-32 - Unwholesome talk, bitterness, rage, anger, slander and malice grieve the Holy Spirit; choose kindness, compassion and forgiveness.

God grieves because God _____. Don't celebrate what Heaven _____. Celebrate what Heaven _____.

WHAT DOES HEAVEN CELEBRATE?

Luke 15:7 - Heaven rejoices over even _____ sinner who repents.

Prodigal: the Father didn't celebrate the pigpen; He celebrated the son coming _____.

John 2:1-11 - Jesus' first sign was at a wedding celebration. **Jesus was holy without being miserable.**

ESTHER - THE PROGRESSION

Esther 4:3	MOURNING / FASTING / WEeping
Esther 4:14-16	DISCERNMENT - "for such a time as this"
	COURAGE / ACTION
Esther 8:16-17	DELIVERANCE - LIGHT / GLADNESS / JOY
Esther 9:20-22	CELEBRATION / REMEMBRANCE / GIVING

Don't build your permanent identity around a chapter God intends to _____.

JESUS - THE SOURCE OF OUR JOY

Hebrews 12:2 - For the joy set before Him, Jesus endured the cross.

Friday: mourn. **Saturday:** wait. **Sunday:** _____.

My joy is rooted in a _____ Jesus.

LIVE YOUR LIFE LIKE A CELEBRATION

Life is short. Trials will come. Turn to Jesus. Release what grieves God. Celebrate what Heaven celebrates.

Don't let the circumstances of life steal the _____ Jesus gives you.

FOLLOW-UP

1. What impacted you most from today's message?

2. How can you apply it?

3. What are your next steps?

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