

Oh What Fun
Life Changing Choice

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Joel 2:23 Be glad...Rejoice in the Lord your God.

Acts 27:13-20 “When a **gentle south wind began to blow**, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the "northeaster," swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; **so we gave way to it** and were driven along...We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to **throw the cargo overboard**. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally **gave up all hope of being saved.**”

What you need to know about storms:

- ✓ Storms are inevitable.

John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

- ✓ Storms are unpredictable.

Jeremiah 4:20 “Disaster follows disaster; the whole land lies in ruins. In an instant my tents are destroyed, my shelter in a moment.”

- ✓ Storms are impartial.

Matthew 5:45 “He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

- ✓ Storms are temporary.

Hebrews 10:35-37 “So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay.

Isaiah 61:1-4 (NKJV) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to **preach good tidings to the poor**; He has sent Me to **heal the brokenhearted**, to proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, **to give them beauty for ashes**, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees

of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. And **they shall rebuild the old ruins**, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

Some Life Changing Choices:

1. Life-changing joy is inside out.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law.

2. Life-changing joy is beyond circumstances.

Psalms 19:8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

3. Life-changing joy is with others.

Psalms 16:11 (ESV) You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

4. Life-changing joy is experienced through prayer.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 16:20 Those who trust the LORD will be joyful.

Walk Away: Joy is a life changing choice.