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The Season of Hope and Expectation

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Luke 2:8-11

25 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

John 15:15-22

15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. 16 "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." 17 Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" 18 They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

John 15:15-22

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Craiova, Romania

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“You and I were created for joy, and if we miss it, we miss the reason for our existence.”

Lewis Smedes

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I. The struggle with joy?

II. The structure of joy?

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I. The struggle with joy?

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1. Because we live in a fallen world.
2. Because it's misguided.

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I. The struggle with joy?

- Are you the kind of person that sees the glass half empty or half full?
- Are you an optimist or a pessimist?
- Do you or someone you know deal with bouts of depression?

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The world is finding joy in the wrong thing.

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How about calling happiness, joy.

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Joy | joi |

noun

a feeling of great pleasure and happiness: *tears of joy* | *the joy of being alive*.

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“Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in all things.”

Kay Warren

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1. Joy is a settled conviction *about* God.
2. Joy is a quiet confidence *in* God.
3. Joy is a determined choice *to give* our praise to God.

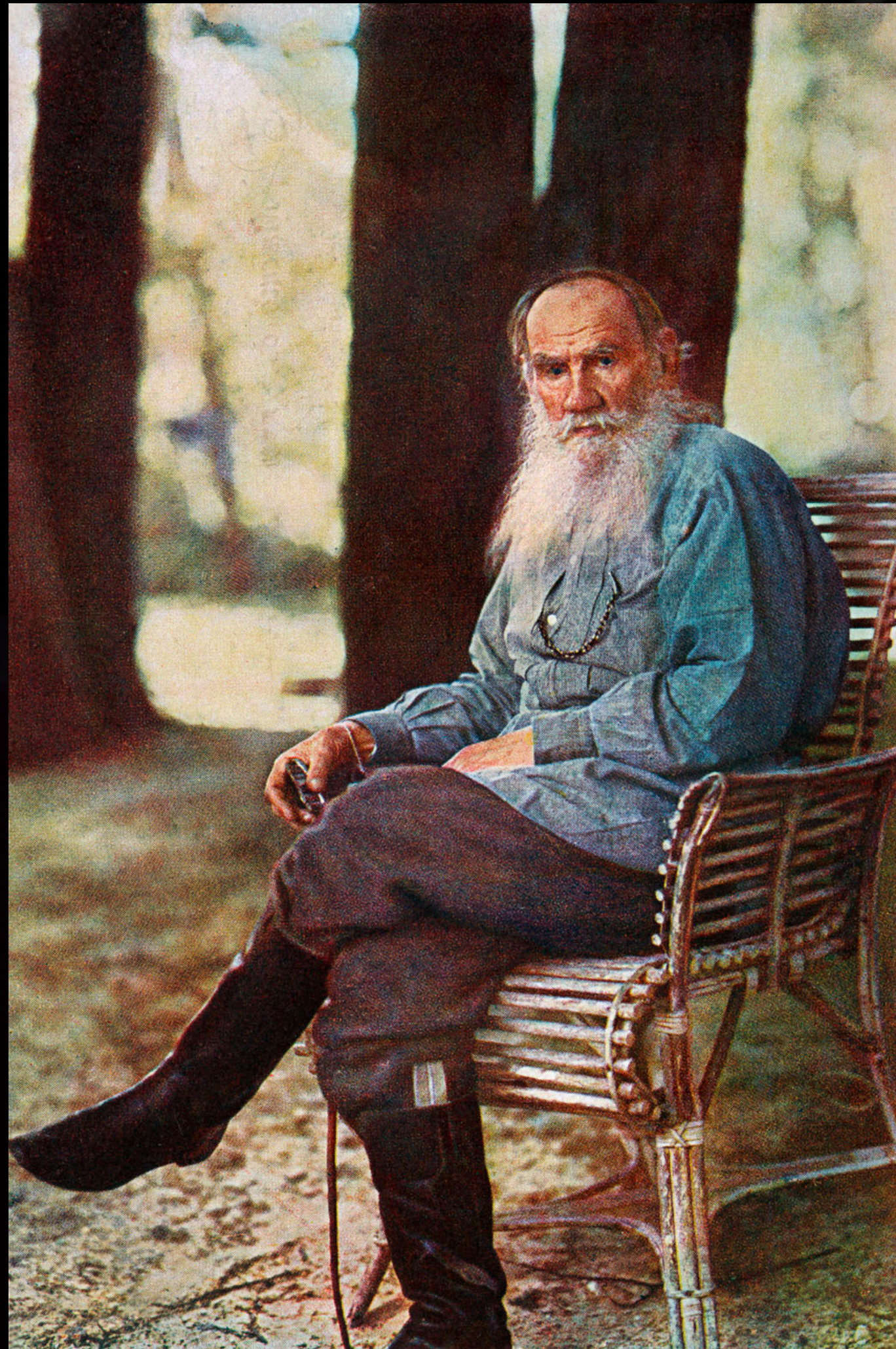
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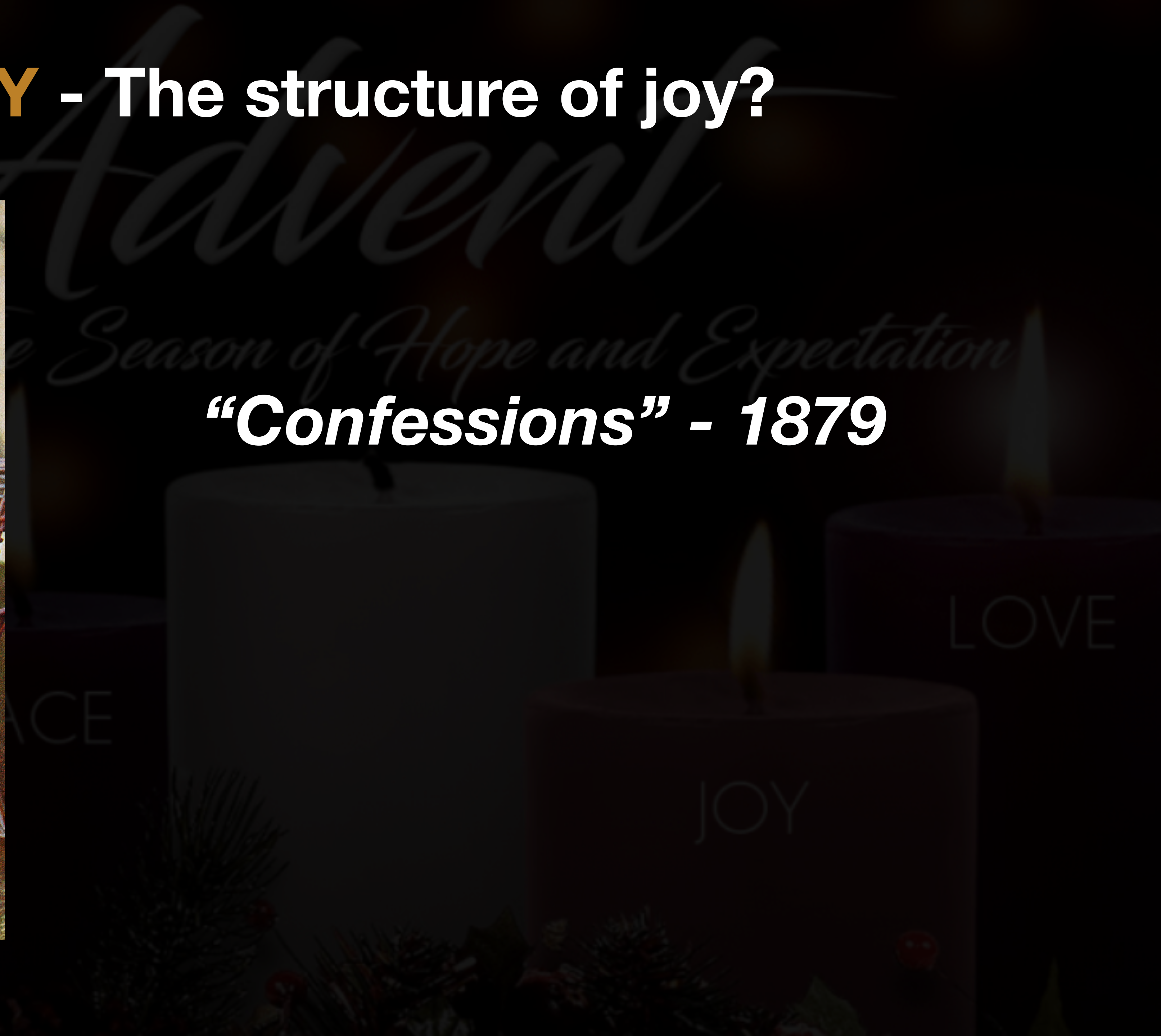
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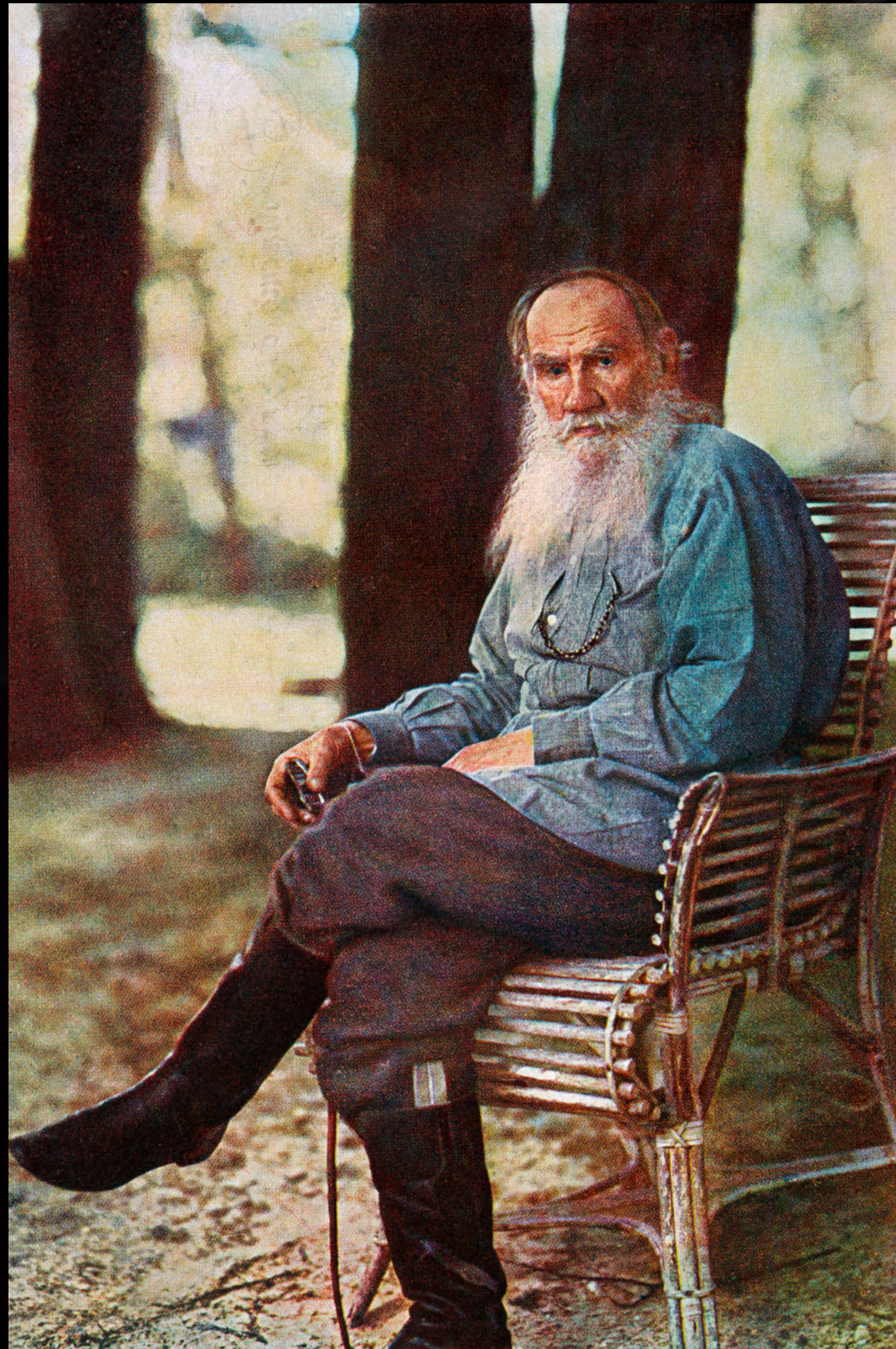


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“That’s what is amazing, it’s possible to live as long as life intoxicates us, but once we’re sober we cannot help seeing it’s all a delusion. There’s nothing funny or witty about it at all, it’s only cruel and stupid.”

II. JOY - The structure of joy?

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

John 15:9,11

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A. The Nature of Joy

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Joy is so big it can exist with sorrow!

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The presence of joy doesn't mean the absence of anguish. It means the joy has overwhelmed the pain.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds”

James 1:2

“Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”

I Pet. 4:13

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“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal weight glory that far beyond all comparison. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corin. 4:17

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“So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.”

John 16:22

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**I need to make a determined choice to give
my praise to God.**

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**Joseph Ton
Romanian Pastor**

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You secure joy by being connected with Jesus!

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