



The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and to provide for those who grieve in ZionTo bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

- They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.
- Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
- And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God.
- You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance.

Instead of your shame

you will receive a double portion,

and everlasting joy will be yours.

And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,

- "For I, the LORD, love justice;
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
- In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them.
- Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples.
- All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed."

- I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God.
- For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
 - and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow,
- so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.



"Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian"

GK Chesterton

"the gospel of the glory of the blessed God"

1 Timothy 1:11

"Mission begins with an explosion of joy"

Lesslie Newbigin



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Isaiah 61:3



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Isaiah 61:7



BC:

ashes mourning despair shame disgrace



AD:

beauty joy praise double inheritance



You make known to me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:11



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Isaiah 61:10





The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17



"To please God, to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness; to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son—it seems impossible, a weight of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is."

CS Lewis



Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Hebrews 11:6



Confess your sins to one another that you may be healed.

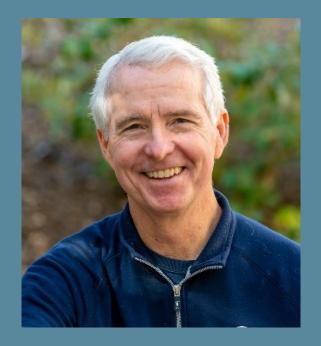
James 51:6



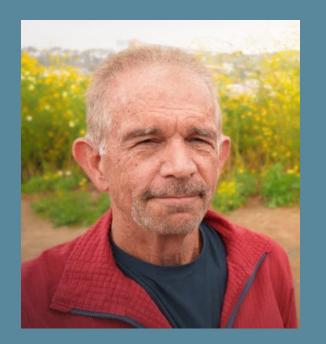
Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

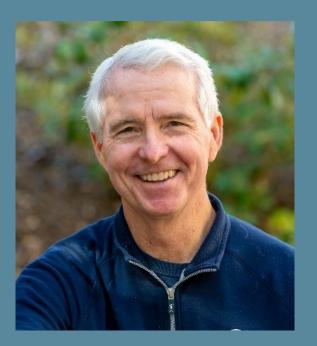
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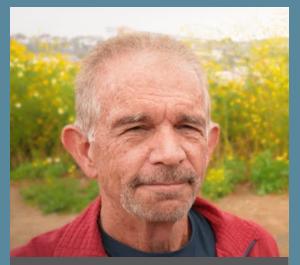




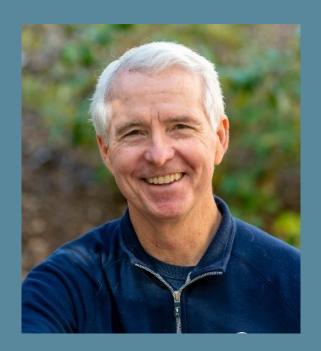


Enjoy his pleasure





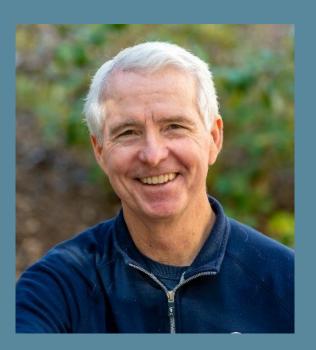
"I have never loved you more than I love you right now."







"I have never loved you more than I love you right now."







Suffering



Suffering

discomfort experienced through my physical senses



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Suffering

agony compounded when I feel there is no end, no meaning, and no one to help



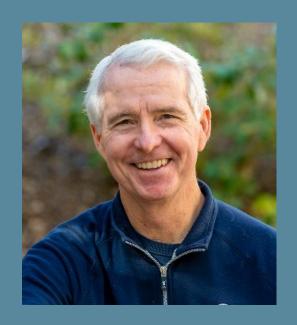
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TIME MEANING PRESENCE

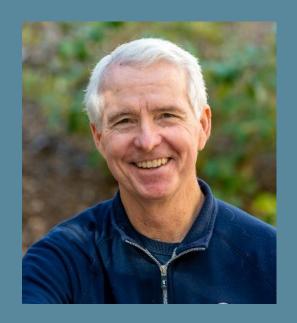


"I am your good shepherd. I knit you together in your mother's womb.
You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
I am your light and your salvation.
When you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you have nothing to fear for I am with you.





"There is now no condemnation, and nothing can separate you from my love: not scandal, not failure, not losing your job, not having people write bad things, not disappointment, not horrific family pain, not death itself.





"Greater love has no one than this: to give their life for a friend, and I gave my life for you. I no longer call you servant but friend. This day, I bless you and keep you. My face is turned toward you and shining with love. Go get 'em."

