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The Key to Joy (Hint: Jesus)



LISTEN! December 16, 1979: Texas Women's University graduation and the Dallas Cowboys...

- *Sometimes glorious victories are won out of bitter apparent defeats.*
- *God is a Being with traceable habits. One of His most consistent habits is bringing great victories out of what appear to be utter defeats.*



BIG IDEA: God wins great victories...out of bitter (apparent) defeats.

- **EXHIBIT A:** Israel backed up against the Red Sea
- **EXHIBIT B:** David at Ziklag
- **EXHIBIT C:** Naomi in Moab
- **EXHIBIT D:** An “unwed” mother in Nazareth
- **EXHIBIT E:** The two witnesses of Revelation 11
- **EXHIBIT F:** Peter denying Jesus
- **EXHIBIT G:** Jesus on the cross



A "WHAT IF?" APPLICATION: FAITH COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

- The bitter (apparent) defeat:
- The (obvious) great victory:
- What if God is up to something more?
What if He is about to:



CAUTION: *I am not declaring us “out of the woods and in the millennial Kingdom.”*

- We have a crazy amount of depending and trusting God ahead of us.
- We have a crazy amount of striving ahead of us.



HOWEVER: God has done great things for us—from the beginning and through the struggle of last summer and through the ensuing year.

*It is not like God to abandon us now.
It is not like God to abandon us ever.*

