



Finding Joy In Troubling Times

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Troubling Times Will Come:

- Job wished he had never been born (Job 3:11).
- David prayed to “fly away on the wings of a dove” (Psalm 55:6–8).
- Elijah ran away and asked God to take his life (1 Kings 19:3–5).

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JOY – a positive attitude or pleasant emotion of delight

Nelson's new illustrated Bible dictionary

- Marked by a glad enthusiasm & joyful disposition
- The byproducts of joy= happiness, delight, pleasure

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You Will Find Joy:

#1 – In Relationship With Christ

#2 – In The Good Things & Blessings He Adds To Life

#3 – In The Mindset Of Hope

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We Need A Joy – That Troubling Times Demand

- A Joy That Is Always There
- A Joy That Marks Us As Believers
- A Joy That Can Be Demonstrated, Shared, & Passed On
- We Can Either Be “*Joy Makers*” or “*Joy Takers*”

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“We need to have a joy that is not found in materialism, it is not found in psychotherapy, and it most certainly is not found in obsession with ourselves. It is found in Christ!”

Got Questions Ministries

- When you get the gospel, you get joy
- Joy is sadly lacking in our world today

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Where Does The Joy We Need Come From?

- **Knowing Christ brings joy**
- **Believing in God brings joy**

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- Joy Comes From The Lord
- Joy Is A Fruit Of The Spirit
- The Move Of God Brings Joy

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- Seeing Salvations & Discipling Others Brings Joy
- Interaction With, And Ministry To, Other Believers Brings Joy
- The Fill Of Provision Brings Joy
- Kingdom Joy Is A Higher Level Of Joy

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To Assure God's Joy In Our Lives:

1. Be Obedient To God, His Word, His Principles
 2. Have Relationship And Communication With Jesus
 3. Be Obedient To His Spirit And His Word
- **Philippians 4:4 (NIV)** — 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

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- Job said that, if we pray and remember our blessings, God will restore us to joy and righteousness (Job 33:26).
- David wrote that the study of God's Word can bring us joy (Psalm 19:8).
- David also realized that he needed to praise God even in times of despair (Psalm 42:5).
- Elijah needed rest & help, God let him rest for a time and then sent a man, Elisha, to help him (1 Kings 19:19-21).