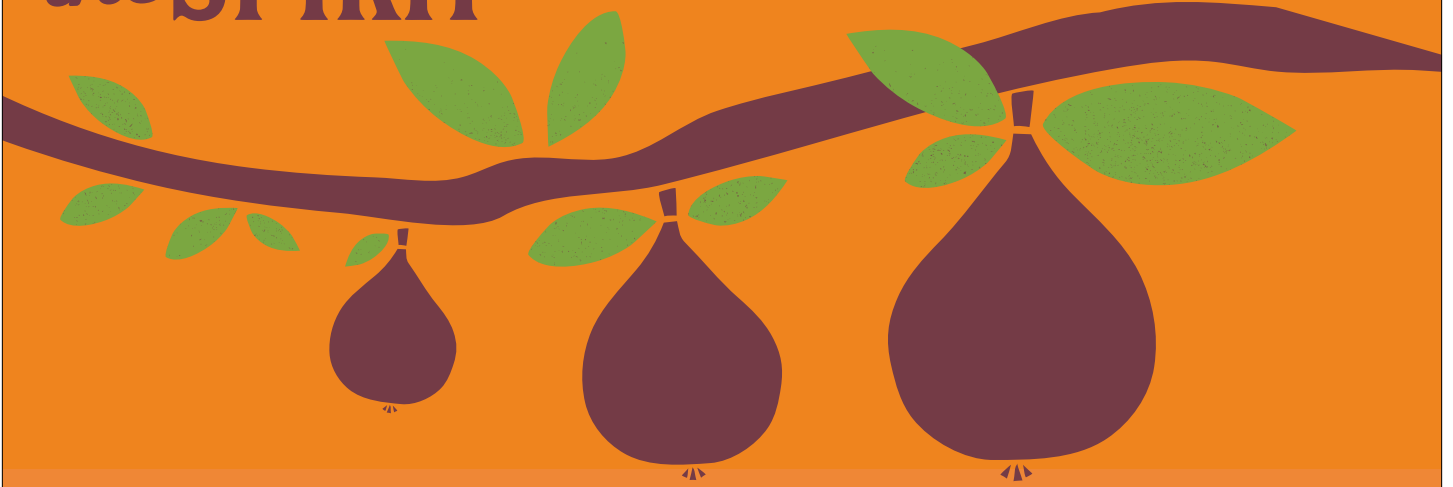


FRUIT *of*
the SPIRIT





The fruit of the Spirit is
LOVE, JOY, PEACE,
PATIENCE, KINDNESS,
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS & SELF-CONTROL.



GALATIANS 5:22-23



Discussion Questions

1. When do you feel full of joy?
2. When is a time when you did not feel any joy?
3. How does the Bible talk about joy compared to the way the world talks about joy?

JOY IN NATURE

31 Let the heavens be filled with joy. Let the earth be glad.

Let them say among the nations, "The Lord rules!"

32 Let the ocean and everything in it roar. Let the fields and everything in them be glad.

JOY IN NATURE

33 Let the trees in the forest sing with joy.
They will sing before the Lord.
He will judge the people of the world.

1 Chronicles 16:31-33

JOY IN NATURE

12 “For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their
hands.

JOY IN NATURE

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the
cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

Isaiah 55:12-13a

JOY IN UNBELIEVERS

Folly is a joy to him who lacks sense,
but a man of understanding walks straight
ahead.

Proverbs 15:21 (ESV)

JOY IN UNBELIEVERS

20 The seed that fell on rocky places is like other people. They hear the message and at once receive it with joy. 21 But they have no roots. So they last only a short time.

JOY IN UNBELIEVERS

They quickly fall away from the faith when trouble or suffering comes because of the message.

Matthew 13:20-21

JOY IN GOD'S PEOPLE

But let all those who go to you for safety be glad.

Let them always sing for joy.

Spread your cover over them and keep them safe.

Then those who love you will be glad because
of you.

Psalms 5:11

JOY IN GOD'S PEOPLE

A wide road will go through the land.

It will be called the Way of Holiness.

Only those who lead a holy life can use it...

Only people who have been set free will walk
on it.

JOY IN GOD'S PEOPLE

10 Those the Lord has saved will return to their land.
They will sing as they enter the city of Zion.
Joy that lasts forever will be
like beautiful crowns on their heads.
They will be filled with gladness and joy.
Sorrow and sighing will be gone.

Isaiah 34:8,9-10

JOY IN GOD'S PEOPLE

8 There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified.

JOY IN GOD'S PEOPLE

10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:8-10

JOY IN GOD

There will be great joy when one sinner turns away from sin. Yes, there will be more joy than for 99 godly people who do not need to turn away from their sins.

Luke 15:7

JOY IN GOD

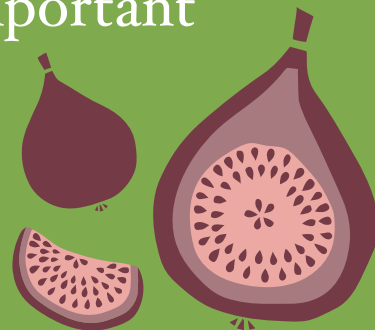
The Lord your God is with you.
He is the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you.
In his love he will no longer punish you.
Instead, he will sing for joy because of you.

Zephaniah 3:17

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STUMBLING BLOCKS

1. Sin

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*Taken from Jerry Bridges', *The Fruitful Life*

PSALM 32:3-4

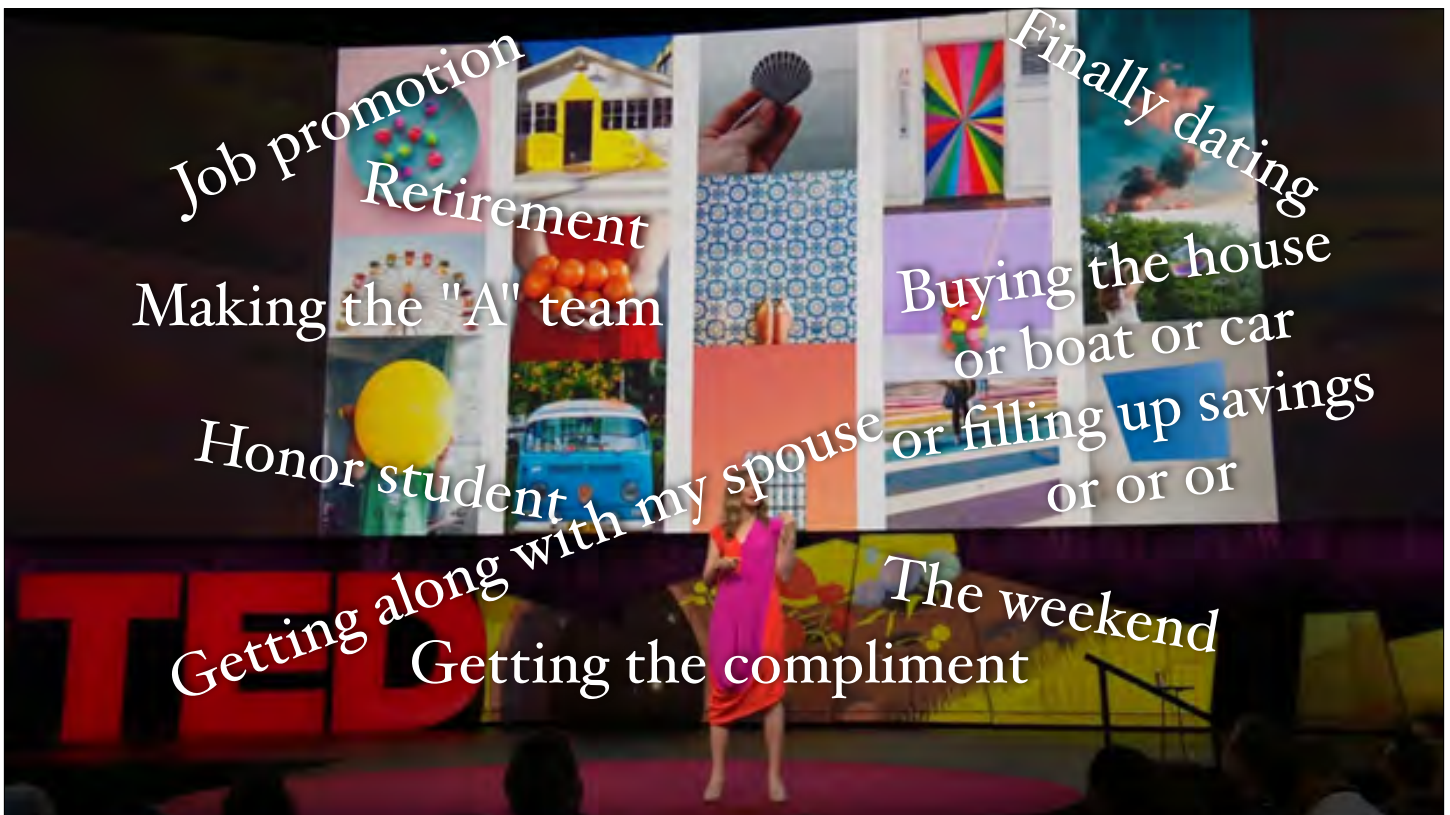
3 When I kept silent about my sin,
my body became weak
because I groaned all day long.

4 Day and night
you punished me.

I became weaker and weaker
as I do in the heat of summer.

STUMBLING BLOCKS

1. Sin
2. Misplaced Confidence
3. _____
4. _____



STUMBLING BLOCKS

1. Sin
2. Misplaced Confidence
3. God's Discipline
4. _____



HEBREWS 12:10–11

10 Our parents trained us for a little while. They did what they thought was best. But God trains us for our good. He does this so we may share in his holiness. 11 No training seems pleasant at the time. In fact, it seems painful.

STUMBLING BLOCKS

1. Sin
2. Misplaced Confidence
3. God's Discipline
4. Trials We Experience



JOB 1:21–22

“I was born naked.
And I’ll leave here naked.”

The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken away.

May the name of the Lord be praised.”

22 In spite of everything, Job didn’t sin by
blaming God for doing anything wrong.

JOB 38:1-3

The Lord spoke to Job out of a storm. He said,
2 “Who do you think you are to disagree with
my plans?

You do not know what you are talking about.

3 Get ready to stand up for yourself.

I will ask you some questions.

Then I want you to answer me.

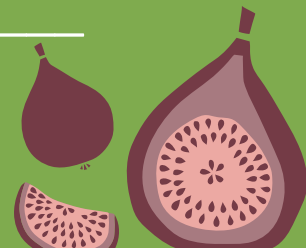
BEARING THE FRUIT OF JOY

1. Confess Our Sins

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PSALM 51:7–9, 12

7 Sprinkle me with hyssop, then I will be clean.

Wash me, then I will be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear you say, “Your sins are forgiven.”

That will bring me joy and gladness.

Let the body you have broken be glad.

9 Take away all my sins.

Wipe away all the evil things I’ve done...

PSALM 51:7–9, 12

12 Give me back the joy that comes from being saved by you.

Give me a spirit that obeys you so that I will keep going.



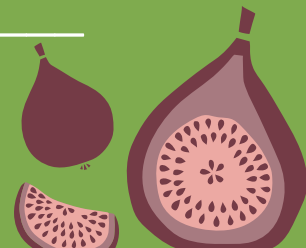
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2. Trust in God

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JOHN 15:5,11

9 "Just as the Father has loved me, I have loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. In the same way, I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that you will have the same joy that I have. I also want your joy to be complete."

BEARING THE FRUIT OF JOY

1. Confess Our Sins
2. Trust in God
3. Take the Long Range View of Life
4. Give Thanks in All Circumstances



ROMANS 5:1-5

We have been made right with God because of our faith. Now we have peace with him because of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through faith in Jesus we have received God's grace. In that grace we stand.

ROMANS 5:1-5

We are full of joy because we expect to share in God's glory. 3 And that's not all. We are full of joy even when we suffer. We know that our suffering gives us the strength to go on. 4 The strength to go on produces character. Character produces hope.

ROMANS 5:1-5

5 And hope will never bring us shame. That's because God's love has been poured into our hearts. This happened through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

ROMANS 12:12

12 When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful.

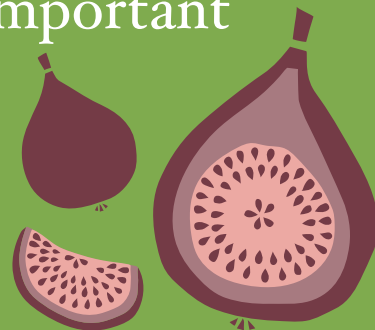
1 PETER 4:12-13

12 Dear friends, don't be surprised by the terrible things happening to you. The trouble you are having has come to test you. So don't feel as if something strange were happening to you. 13 Instead, be joyful that you are taking part in Christ's sufferings. Then you will have even more joy when Christ returns in glory.

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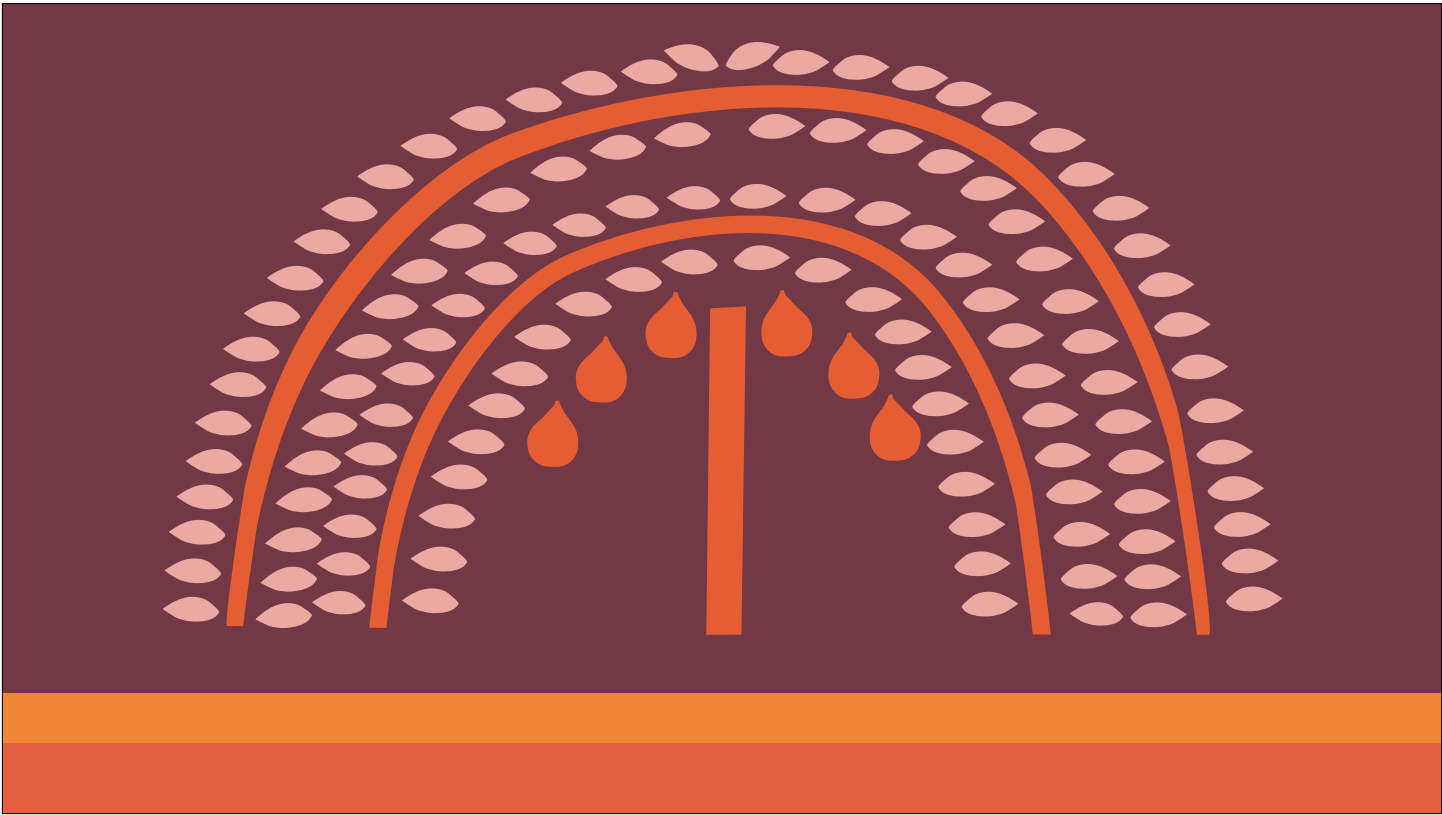
JOSH GARRELS

“OH COME OH COME EMMANUEL”



Discussion Questions

1. How are you currently up against one or more of the hindrances to joy? [Sin, Misplaced Trust, Discipline, or Suffering]
2. How do you need to follow the Holy Spirit in order to continue growing joy in your life at all times?



THE MINISTRY OF JOY

Joy in our own lives

Joy _____

Joy _____



THE MINISTRY OF JOY

Joy in our own lives

Joy in our church

Joy _____



THE MINISTRY OF JOY

Joy in our own lives

Joy in our church

Joy in our world



