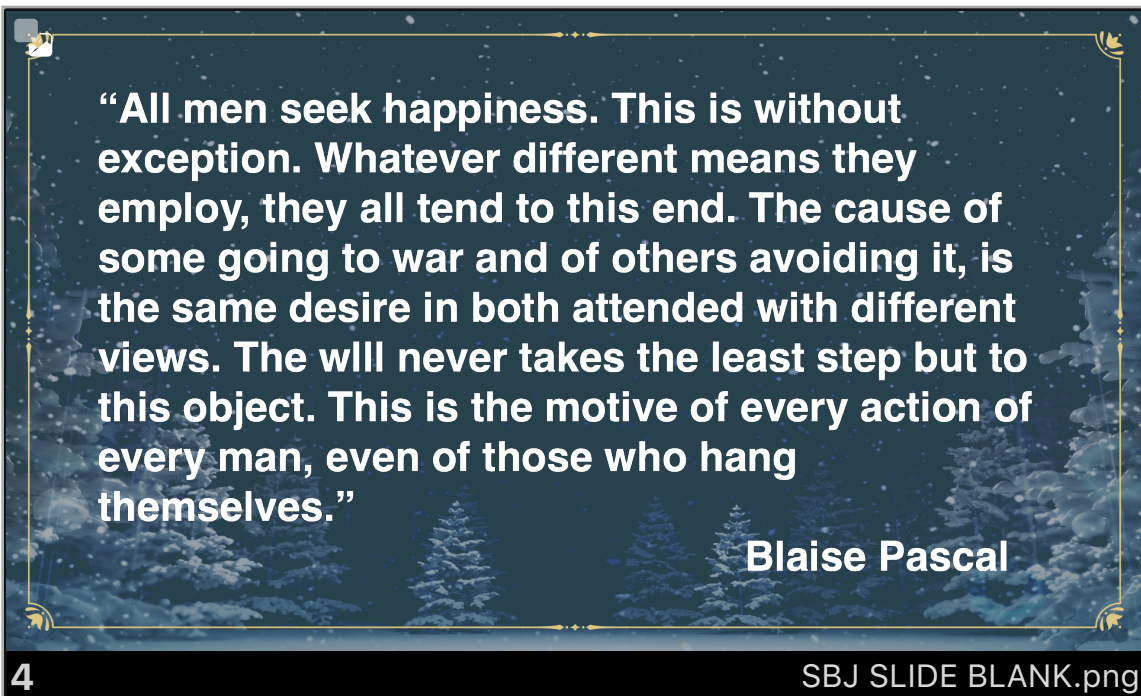


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“All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war and of others avoiding it, is the same desire in both attended with different views. The will never takes the least step but to this object. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves.”

Blaise Pascal

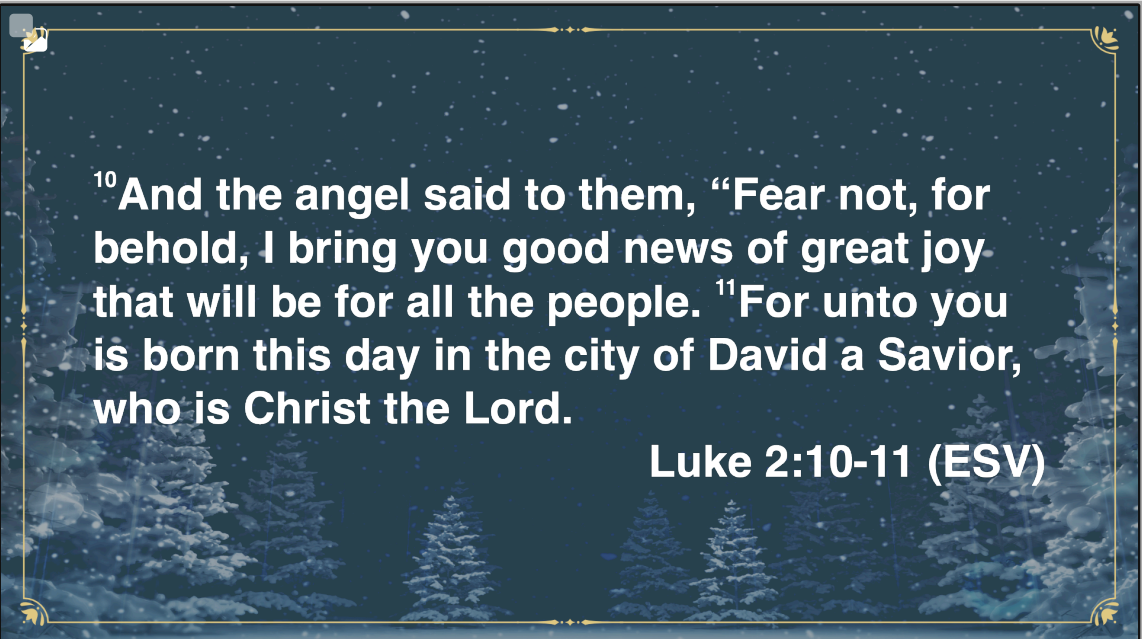
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**Luke 2
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Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)

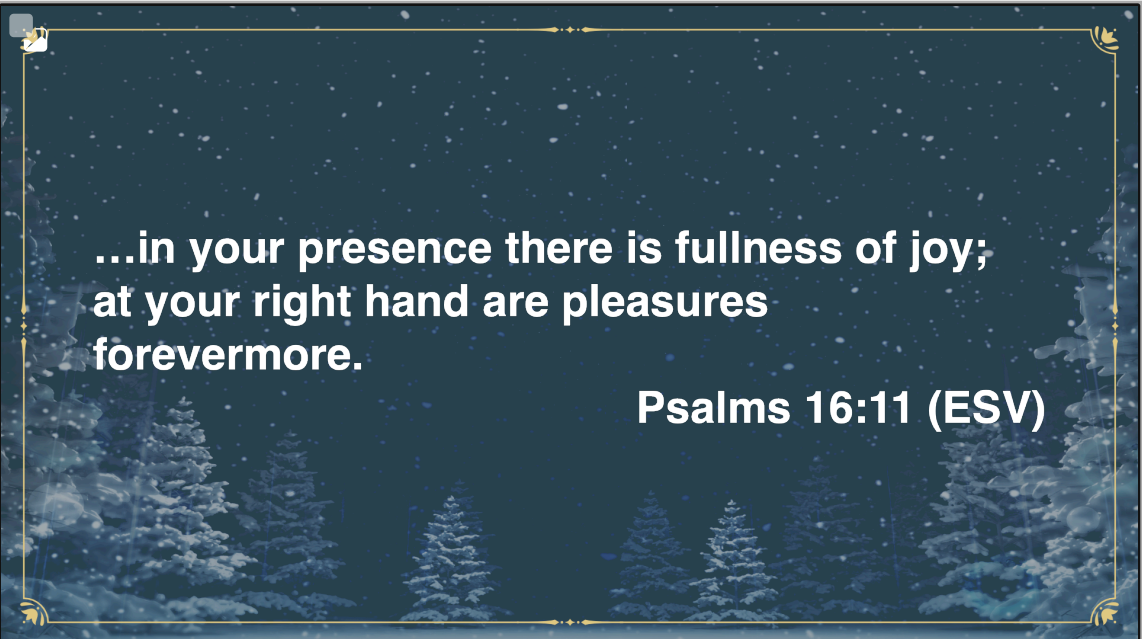
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Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)



**GOD IS THE MOST JOYFUL/HAPPY BEING
IN THE UNIVERSE**

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**...in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.**

Psalms 16:11 (ESV)

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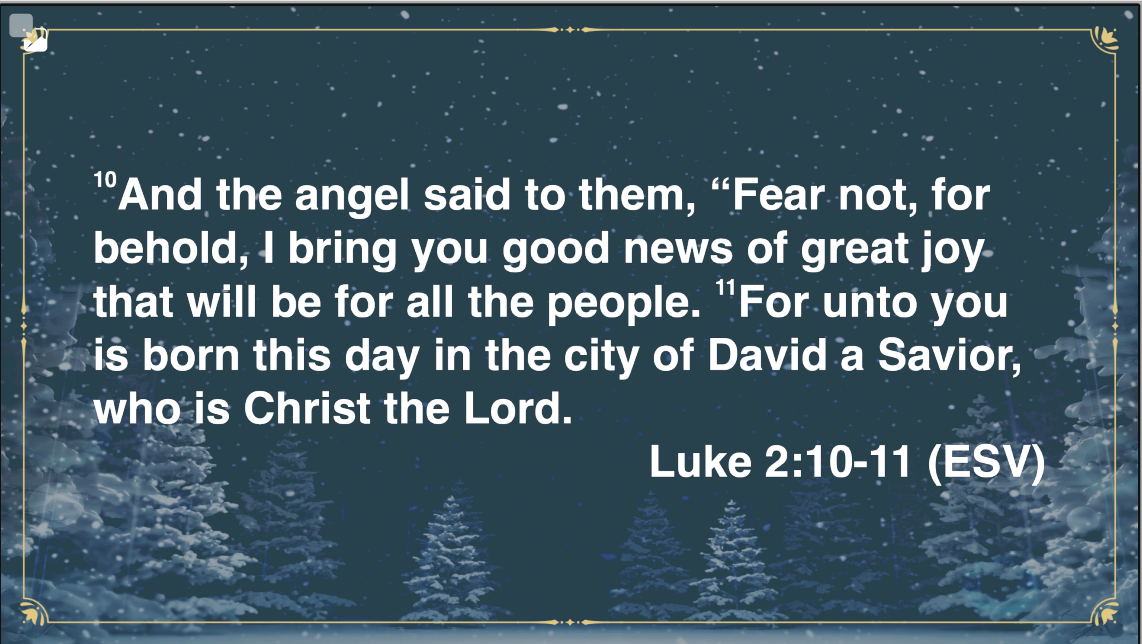
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**...the joy of the LORD is your strength.”
Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV)**

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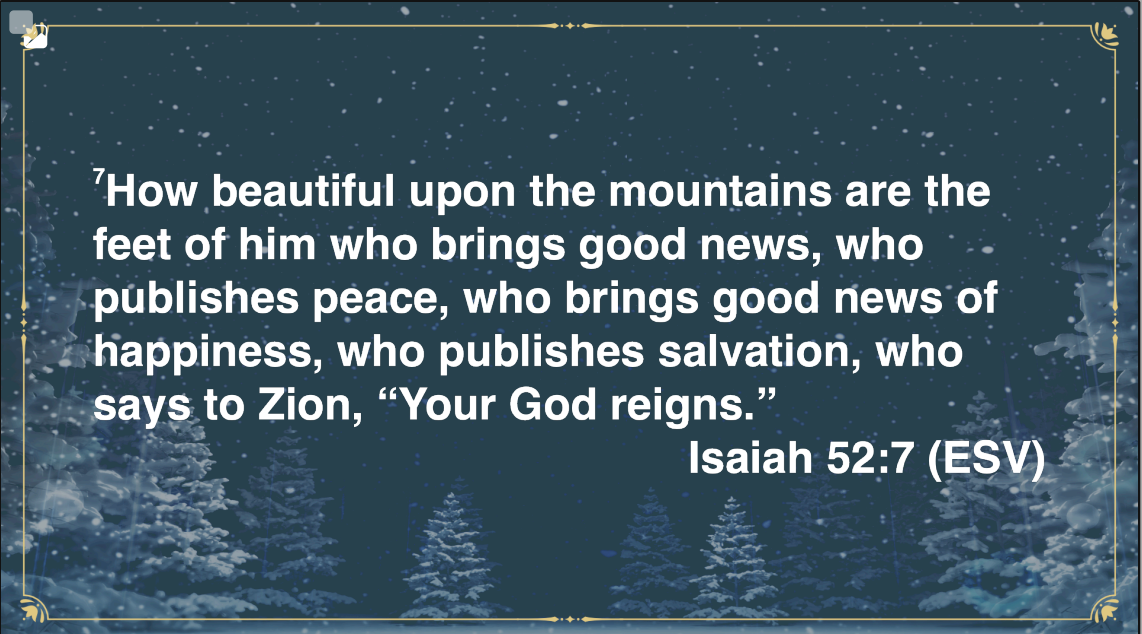


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⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

Isaiah 52:7 (ESV)

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Isaiah 52:7 (ESV)

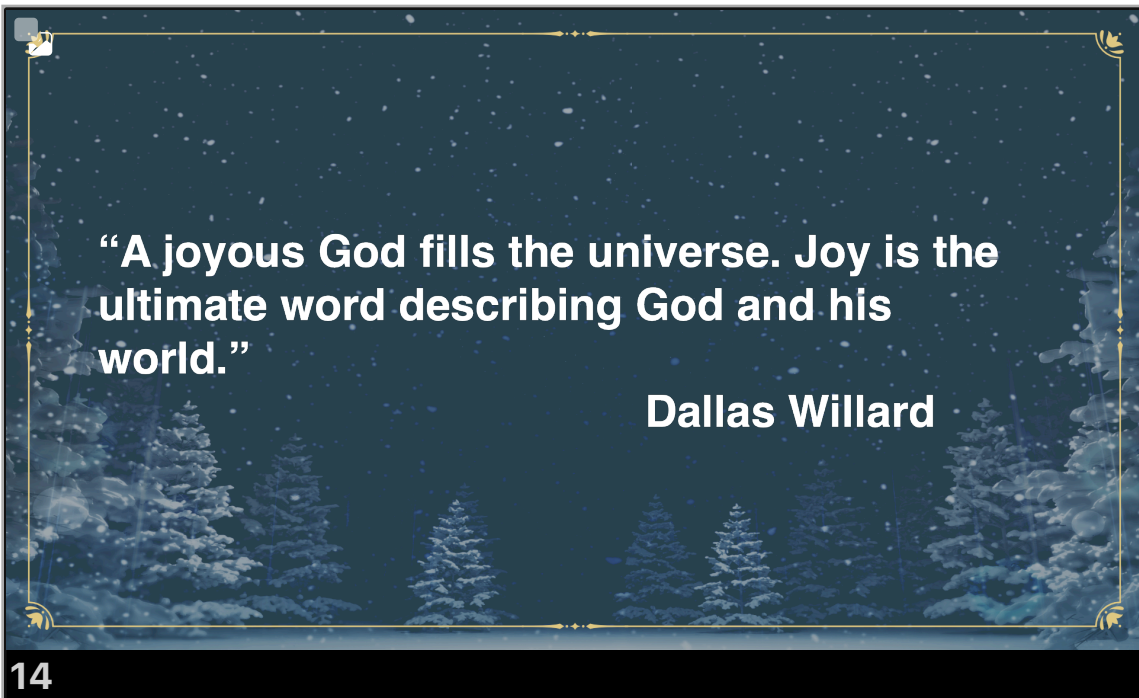


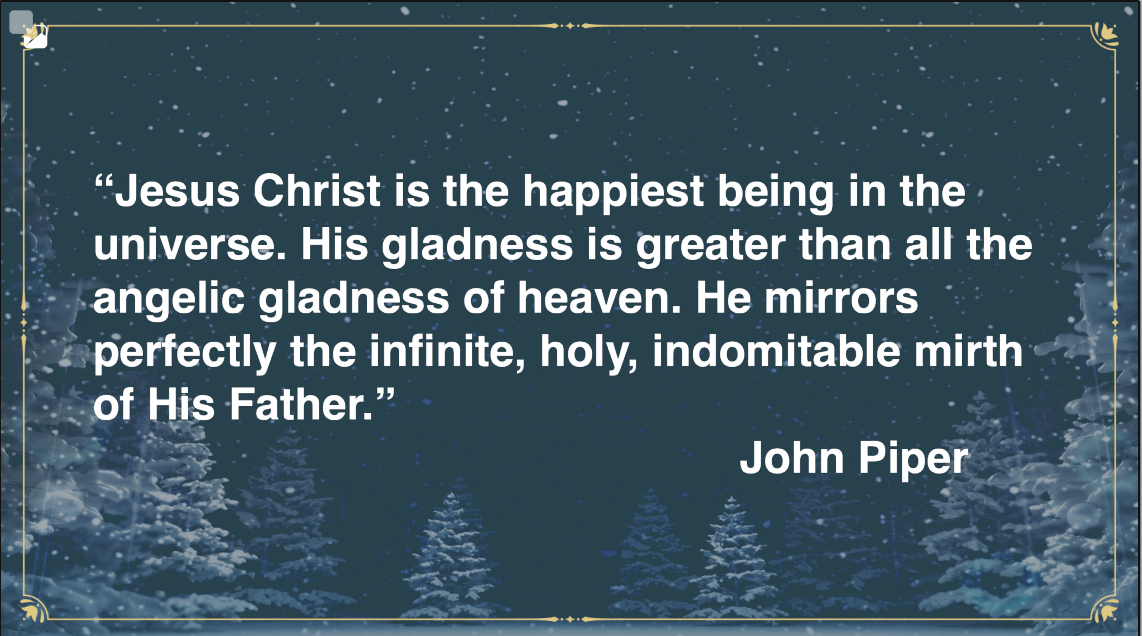
...the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

1 Timothy 1:11 (ESV)

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1 Timothy 1:11 (ESV)





“Jesus Christ is the happiest being in the universe. His gladness is greater than all the angelic gladness of heaven. He mirrors perfectly the infinite, holy, indomitable mirth of His Father.”

John Piper

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**THE GOSPEL IS THAT THE JOY OF GOD IS
AVAILABLE TO ALL RIGHT HERE AND
RIGHT NOW THROUGH JESUS.**

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**...the gospel of the glory of the blessed God
with which I have been entrusted.**

1 Timothy 1:11 (ESV)

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1 Timothy 1:11 (ESV)



Joy = a pervasive sense of well being

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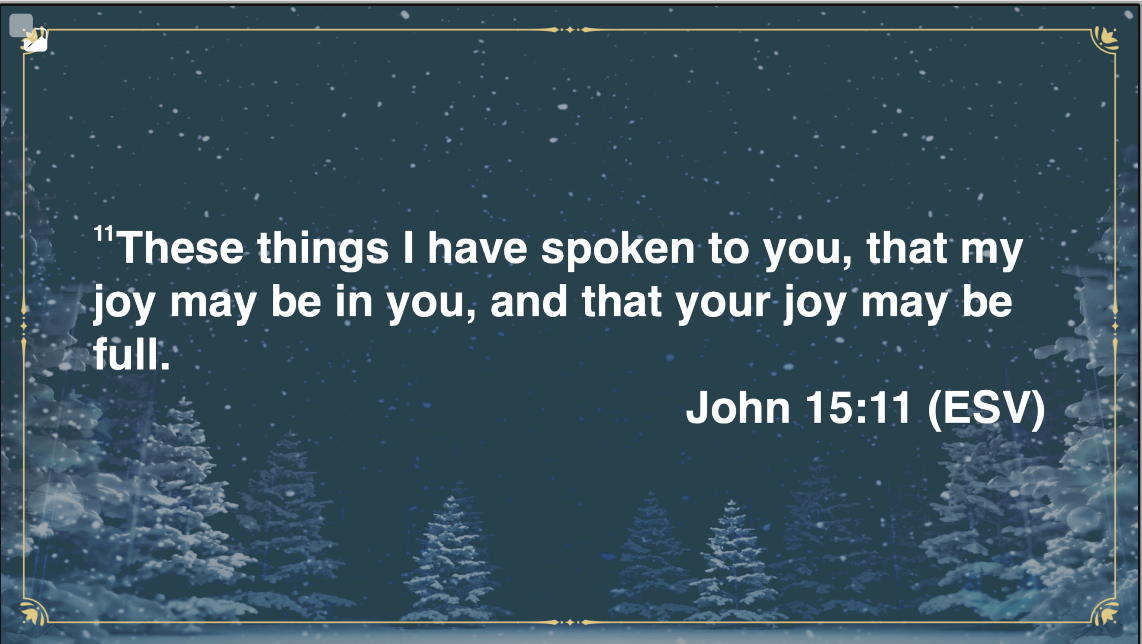
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**JESUS' VISION FOR YOUR LIFE IS TO
BECOME A DEEPLY JOYFUL PERSON**

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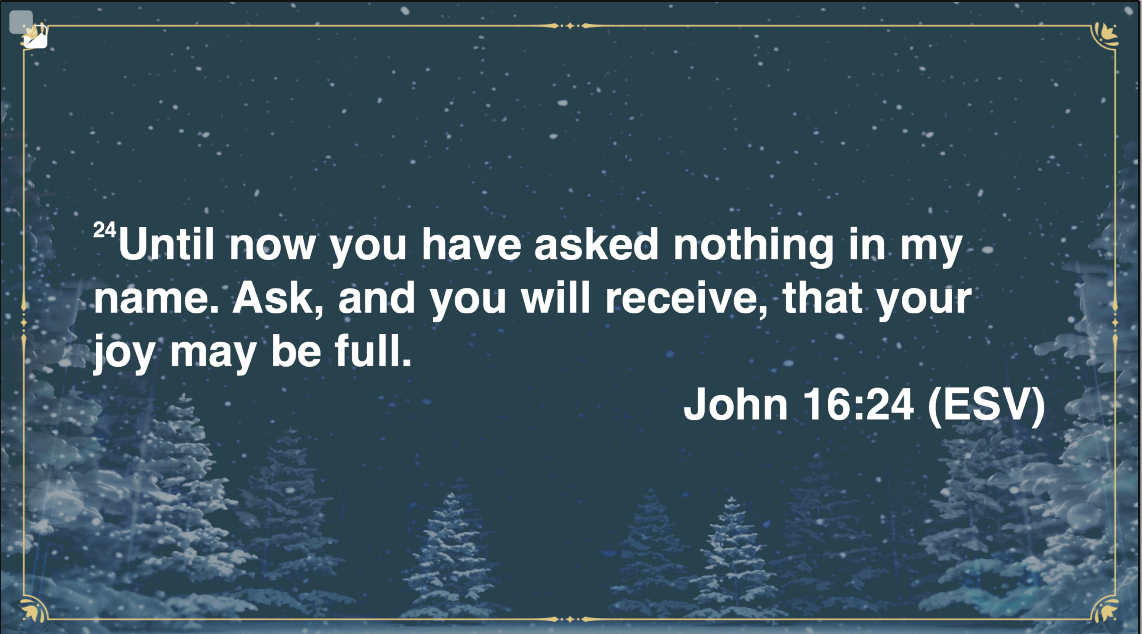


**¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my
joy may be in you, and that your joy may be
full.**

John 15:11 (ESV)

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John 15:11 (ESV)



²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24 (ESV)

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...the fruit of the Spirit is...joy
Galatians 5:22 (ESV)

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Galatians 5:22 (ESV)



We experience the joy through God in....

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We experience the joy through God in....

Communion with Him

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We experience the joy through God in....

**Communion with Him
Community**

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We experience the joy through God in....

**Communion with Him
Community
Character**

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We experience the joy through God in....

**Communion with Him
Community
Character
Circumstances**

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We experience the joy through God in....

**Communion with Him
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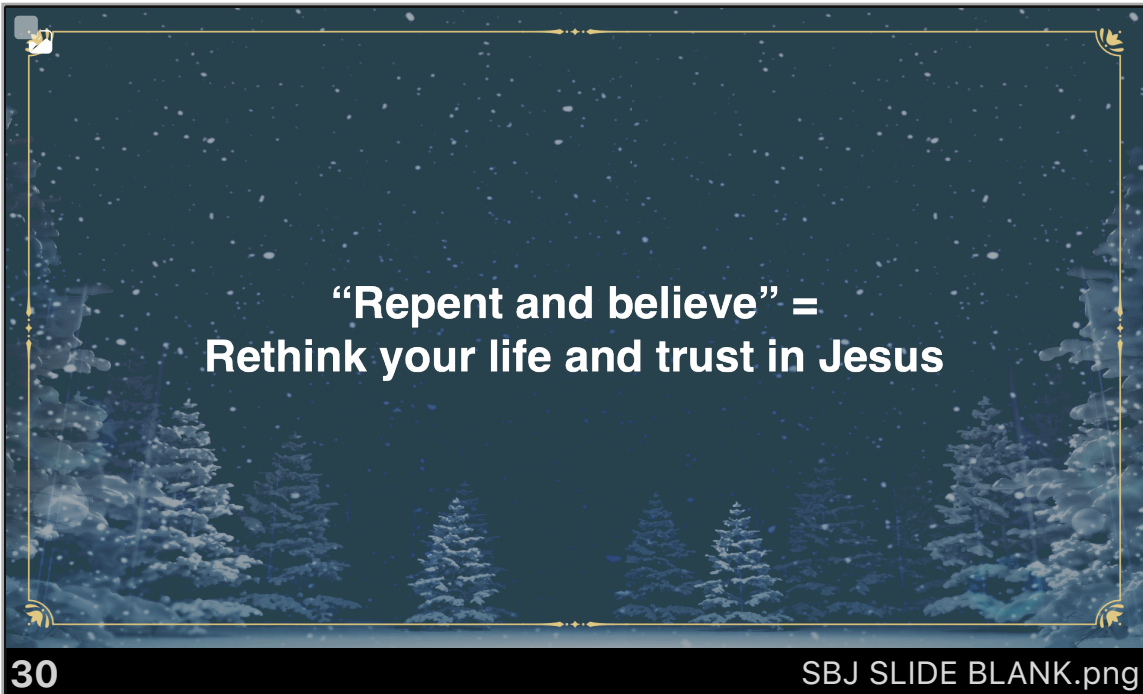
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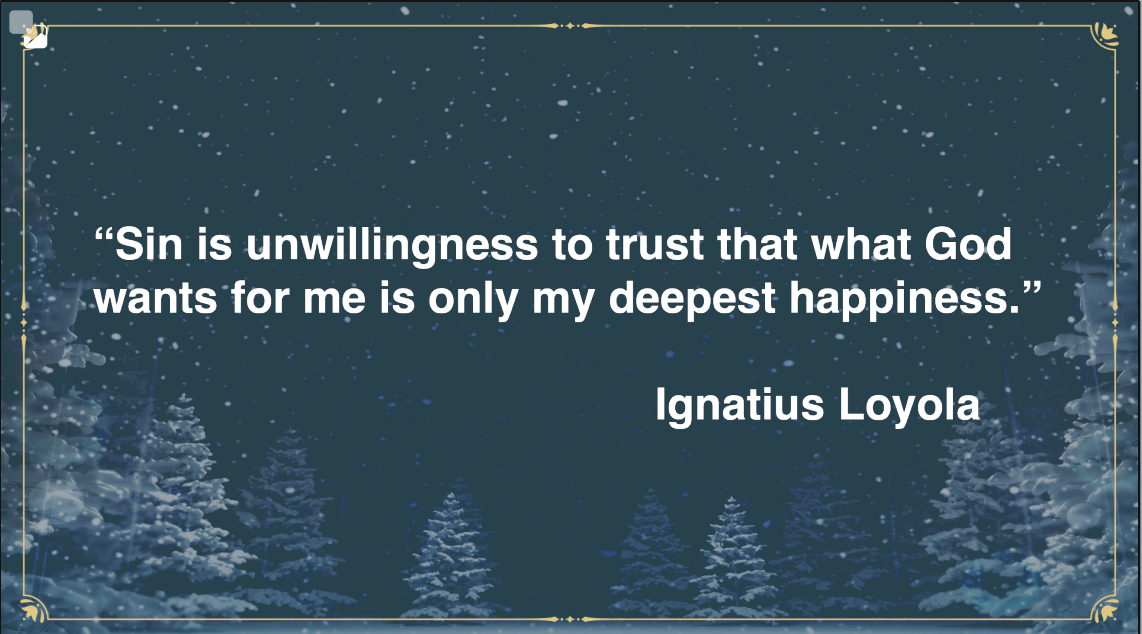
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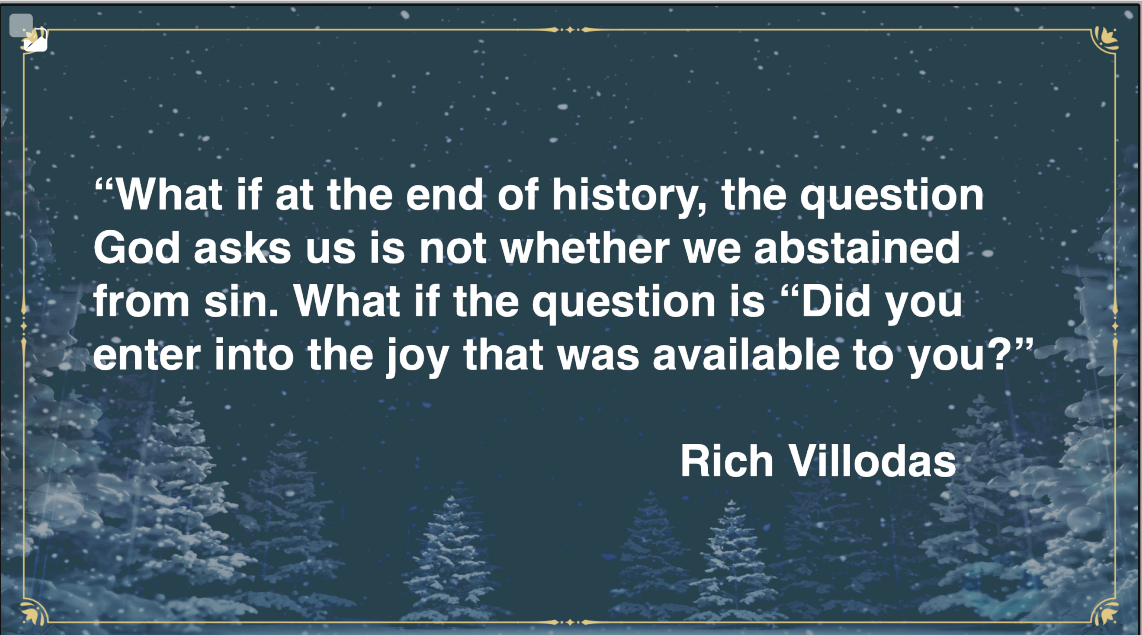


“Sin is unwillingness to trust that what God wants for me is only my deepest happiness.”

Ignatius Loyola

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“What if at the end of history, the question God asks us is not whether we abstained from sin. What if the question is “Did you enter into the joy that was available to you?”

Rich Villodas

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