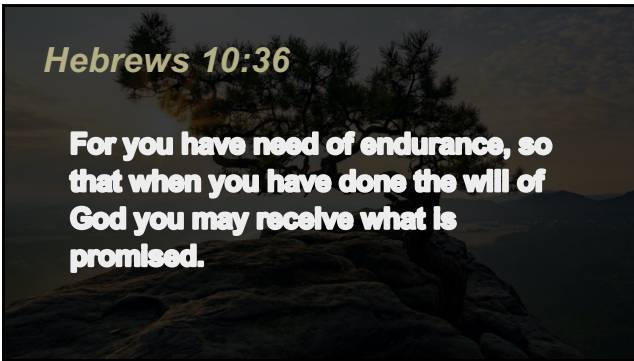
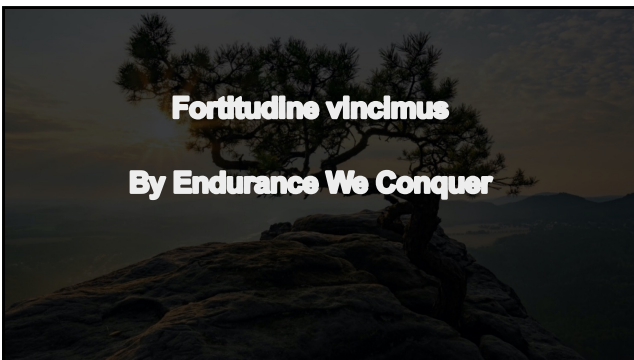




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Endurance

hupōmōnē, hoop-om-on-ay; from word that means cheerful (or hopeful), endurance, constancy (waiting). In Classical Greek it described the ability of a plant to thrive in a harsh environment, it was used to refer to 'spiritual staying power'

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Last Days Marathon

The Last Days is not a 100-yard dash; it's a marathon. A marathon takes more than education, it takes rigorous training to run the full 26.2 miles. No one starts running a full marathon. They start running a few miles and then increase their endurance by daily disciplined training.

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Resilience is a set of practices

Endurance is built by persevering through trials.

Resilience is a set of practices that enables us to build endurance through pressure and the inevitable setbacks.

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Resilient Practices

Strategy	By Endurance We Conquer
Strength	Receiving Comfort Under Pressure
Through	Moving through suffering to grow spiritually

10

Viktor Frankl

Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way... When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.

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Resilient Practices

Strategy	By Endurance We Conquer
Strength	Receiving Comfort Under Pressure
Through	Moving through suffering to grow spiritually
Goal	Focus on the all-important goal

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Hebrews 12

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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Hebrews 12

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Hebrews 12:2

Looking to = "to turn the eyes away from other things and fix them on something"

Founder = one that takes the lead in any thing and thus affords an example, a predecessor in a matter, pioneer, author

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Hebrews 12:2

Perfector = a completer, consummator, finisher.

Joy = "joy" in the Greek has a definite article, which means this wasn't just joy in general, but it was a specific joy

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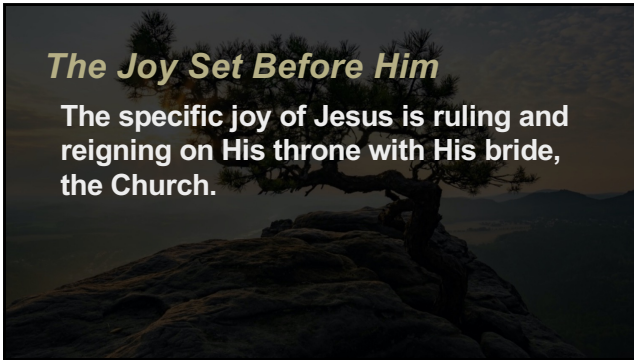
What was Jesus' specific joy?

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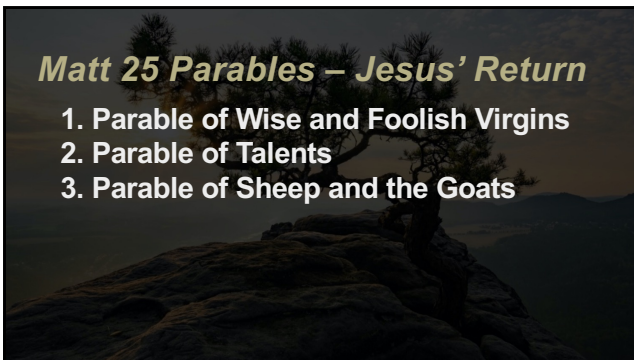
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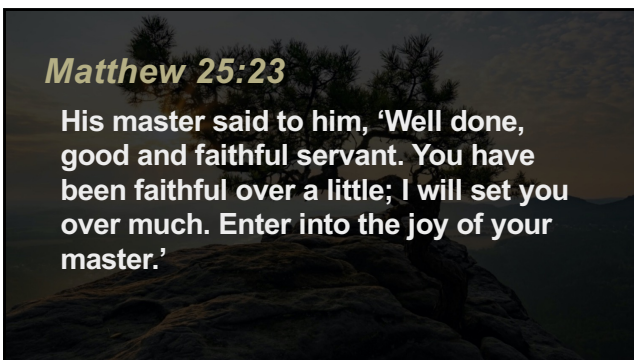
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Matthew 20

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. 21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" ...

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Matthew 20

She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." 22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?"

23

Matthew 20

They said to him, "We are able." 23 He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

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Matthew 20

24 And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.
25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

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Matthew 20

26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,

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Matthew 20

28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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The Joy Set Before Him

The specific joy of Jesus is ruling and reigning with His bride, the Church. He gives government position to His saints as a reward for their faithfulness. This is called "Entering into the joy of the Lord"

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Revelation 3:21

The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

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Revelation 2:26

The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations...

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Revelation 20

4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God,

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Revelation 20

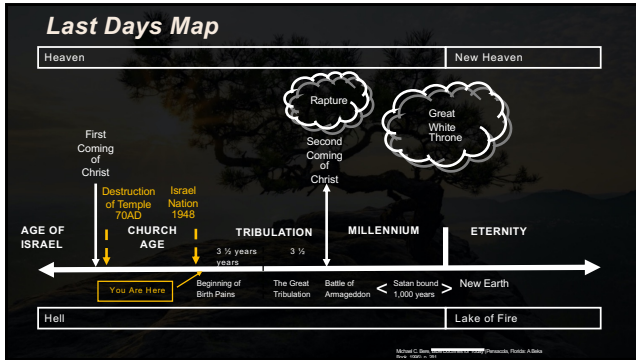
4...and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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1 Corinthians 6

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? 2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?

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The Joy Set Before Us
 Our goal is not just to finish our race but to also join Jesus as He prepares His saints to rule and reign with Him. We make it our goal to help other runners to finish their race. We will enter into the “joy of the Lord” to the degree we are faithful to this goal.

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Prayer
 Lord, I want to join you in preparing the church to rule and reign with you. Help me so this goal will motivate me to endure. Show me how to faithfully serve in these last days so I will receive my full reward in the coming kingdom. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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