

The Joy of the Lord is my Strength

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Matthew 24:12 NKJV

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Nehemiah 8: 5-6 NKJV

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God.

Then all the people answered, “Amen, Amen!” while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

Nehemiah 8:9-10 NKJV

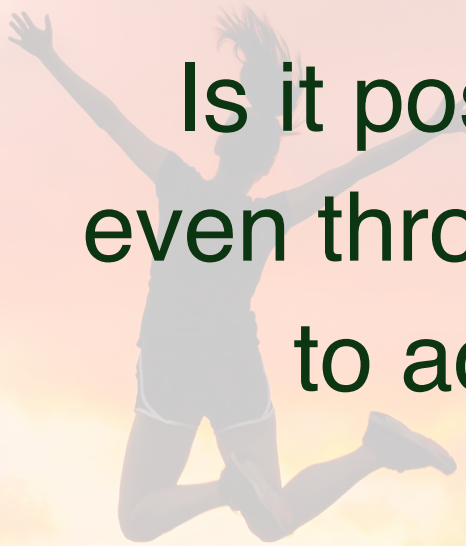
And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn nor weep.” For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:11-12 NKJV

So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, “Be still, for the day *is* holy; do not be grieved.” 12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.

Question



Is it possible that God works
even through bad circumstances
to accomplish His will?

Romans 8:28 NKJV

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Genesis 50:20 NKJV

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Quote

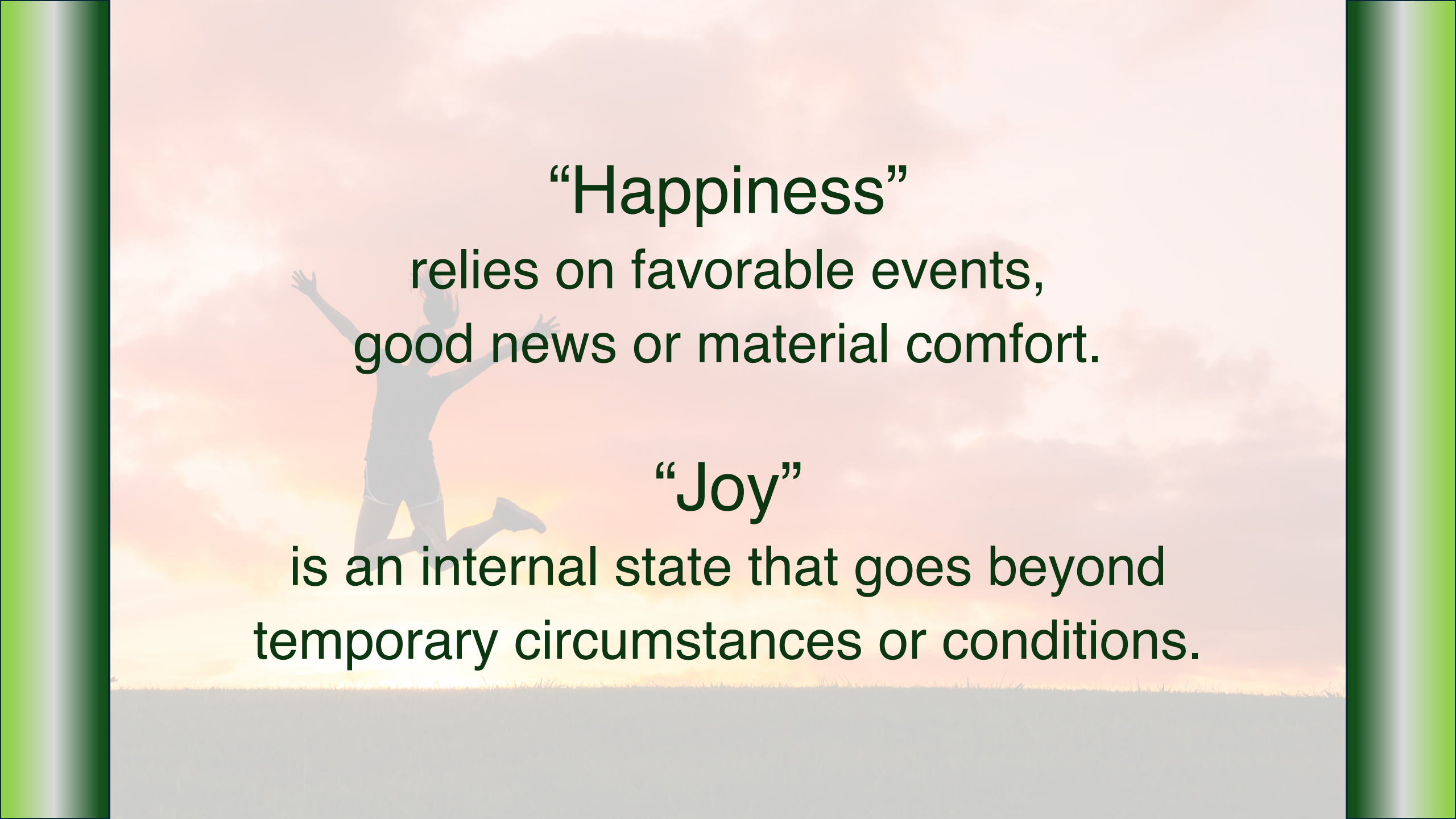


There is no pit so deep
that God is not deeper still.

- C.T.B.

2 Timothy 1:3-5 NKJV

I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, 5 when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.


“Happiness”
relies on favorable events,
good news or material comfort.
“Joy”
is an internal state that goes beyond
temporary circumstances or conditions.

Galatians 5:22 NKJV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

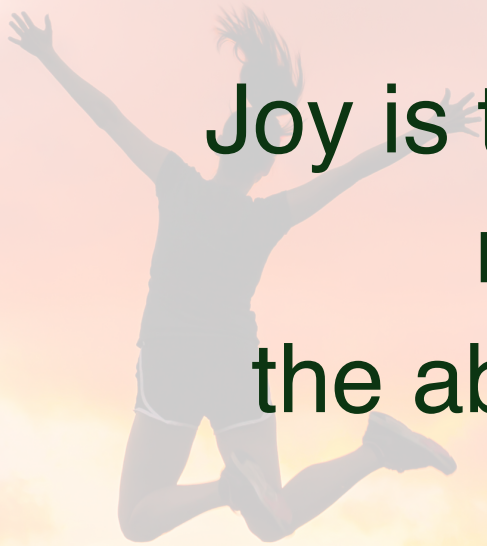
James 1:2-3 NKJV

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

John 15:11 NKJV

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.”

Quote



Joy is the presence of God
more than it is
the absence of suffering.

- S.S.