

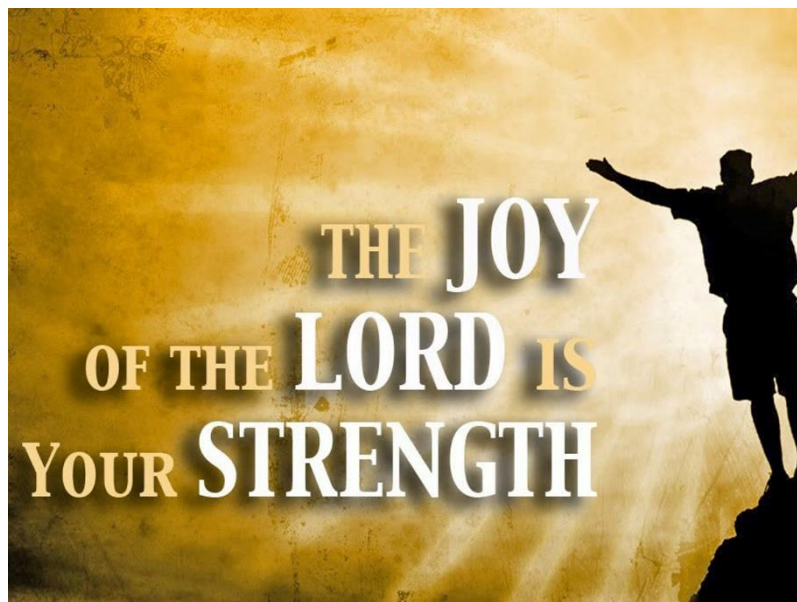


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“Strength and Courage” # 3



The JOY of the Lord is your strength

Nehemiah 8:10

Tough Times never last

(but joyous followers of Jesus do!)

1. THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH

Nehemiah 8:10/ Nehemiah 7-8

2. JOY AND JESUS

- Jesus arrived to a joyous fanfare! (Luke 2:10 ESV)
- Jesus wants YOUR joy to be full! (John 15:11/Mark 2:18-20)
- Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:21)
- Jesus came like a conqueror with great gladness (Hebrews 1:9)
- Jesus taught that joy was essential in receiving his kingdom (Matthew 13:44)

3. REJOICING IN THE LORD

(Phil 3:1/Phil 4:4/1 Thessalonians 5:16, 18/Ps 32:11)

4. JOY AND THE EARLY CHURCH

(Acts 2:46/Acts 13:52/Romans 14:/Psalm 32:11 /Habakkuk 3:18)

5. JOY - ONE OF THE NINE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

(Galatians 5:22-23)

6. JOY IS CONTAGIOUS!

1 John 4:17/Jer 15: 16/2 Peter 3:9)

TO DO: Encourage one another. (1 Thess 5:11)

7. BE JOYFUL, UPLIFT OTHERS, AND FINISH STRONG

(Psalm 71:23/Romans 15:32/Ephesians 6:10/2 Chronicles 15:7)

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Who can YOU encourage?

How might YOU help them to smile?

Who needs YOUR joyous attitude?