### Making Joy the Home Page of Your Heart

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Philippians 3:1, Philippians 1:9-18, Psalms 126:1-3, Matthew 5:14, Proverbs 13:9, Joel 1:12, Proverbs 24:10 Nehemiah 8:10, Psalms 126:5,

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe

# What is your heart defaulting to

# Make joy

## your default

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

#### being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

### It doesn't matter what other people do to us or our circumstance are.

### When you default to joy, you talk about how good God is

Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill

The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;

#### but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

## We have to do the right thing for the right reason

### We cannot allow what other people do stop us from our joy

### God wants us free to fulfill what He has called us to do.

## We must keep our eyes on Jesus and not on man

# Nobody can stop you but **YOU!!!**



# When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion,

We were like those who dream.

#### Psalms 126:2

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."



### The Lord has done great things for us, And we are glad.

#### <u>Matthew 5:14</u>

#### "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

## The world identifies Christians by their joy

#### Proverbs 13:9

#### The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked will be put out

### Don't allow your own mistakes to change the hompage of your heart

#### <u>Joel 1:12</u>

The vine has dried up, and the fig tree has withered; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree— all the trees of the field are withered; surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.

## If joy is whithered, we cannot survive



## If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

#### Nehemiah 8:10

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."

## If we faint in adversity, our joy will be small

### **Other people** can delay our purpose but they cannot stop it.



## Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

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