



Three Thoughts to Pose Today:

1. In prayer last night, I heard God ask me, "Do you believe that I AM Enough?"
2. What do YOU want me to obey today GOD?
3. Name a joyful time or event in your life and why?

Joy- (a def. in John 15:11)  
 the cause or occasion of joy  
 • of persons who are one's joy

**JESUS IS our JOY!**

What God Is Doing

Pastor Jeremy  
 Pastor Holly  
 Veronica/Rody & Cristian/Evelyn  
 Sister Dr. Vet Arynne - move fires  
 A.J. - last Sunday WGID  
 Vanessa's DEVO next week

# SAVE THE WORLD - JOY #12

## A Collection of Activations

The Word of Truth

**Jeremiah 15:16** Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

(TTV) When Your Words came and I discovered them, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

**James 1:** 2 Dear brothers and sisters, when trials, troubles, or tests of any kind come your way, (count it all joy) consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance (patience or perseverance) has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance (patience or perseverance) is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, (lacking or) needing nothing.

I hope to Treach these five Truths about the Full JOY of The LORD

Letter	Thematic Thesis	Biblical Reference
A.	Count it all JOY when you fall into various trials, troubles, & tests.	James 1:2-4
B.	The JOY of the LORD is your strength.	Nehemiah 8:10
C.	In God's Presence, there is fulness of JOY	Psalms 16:11
D.	The closer Christ came to His cross, HE spoke more about JOY	John 15:11; 16:20-24
E.	For the JOY set before Jesus, HE endured the cross, despising the shame	Hebrews 12:1-3

Please Consider & Rethink how the relevance of biblical JOY faces difficulty and is more than just an expression after a pleasure or goal.

**John 15:11** "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

Today's Title:

# Truth & Trials JOY

Both The Word of God (which is Truth) and challenging difficulties (which are Trials) in our lives must be met with the JOY of JESUS our LORD.

## John 15: 1-11

- 🕒 vs. 4- Abide in ME (JESUS), and I in you.
- 🕒 Abide scripturally here means- to remain,
  - a. (*place*) to sojourn, not to depart, to continue to be present
  - b. (*time*) to last,
  - c. (*state*) to remain as one, not to become another or different
- 🕒 vs. 7- "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."
  - a. My Words Abide in you
  - b. Asking Prayer - is because we would Pray the Word, The Word of God would be our desire, and God's Word is what comes to pass. Your Prayers would be done for you.
  - c. Any growth, transformation, or closeness with God always comes from reading & receiving The Word of God
- 🕒 vss. 9&10 - Abide in MY Love
  - a. Remember this is in ch. 13:1, 34-35 As I have Loved you.
  - b. Jesus Says, "As The Father Loved Me." Therefore the Love we have is The Father's Love through Jesus' Love for us and HIS Love through us is for one another.
  - c. Abiding in This Perfect Love casts out all fear. Fear of The Truth and fear of Trials in our lives.
    - i. Love for and not fear of one another, how we treat each other, or how we will be treated.
    - ii. Fear is often an access point for an adversary, enemy, or scheme of satan versus abiding in Jesus
    - iii. Fear agrees with the lies of the enemy. When we agree the enemy we empower the lie.
    - iv. For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me- Job 3:25

## Abide in ME - Abide in My Word - Abide in My Love

**John 15:11** "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full

- 🕒 My JOY - remember in John 14:27 it is My Peace I Give unto you.
- 🕒 My JOY may remain in you
- 🕒 your JOY may be full - complete, overflow, and perfect

## Nehemiah 8: 1-12

- 🕒 vs. 1- Now all the ppl gathered together as one man...
- 🕒 vs. 1- Law of Moses = This refers to the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). This was Israel's instruction manual for how to walk before God. First, we are not Israel's Jewish ppl. Second, we are not looking at this as The Law to us, but rather we have a much better covenant in the New Testament which is Jesus The Word of Truth. We want to simply see the significance of how The Word serves here.
- 🕒 Vs. 4, 8- Those standing to Ezra's right and left served as support, witnesses, and to help the ppl understand what they were hearing.
- 🕒 Vs. 5-8- The Word of Truth stirred A Revival
  - a. The ppl honored and revered God's Word by standing up to it

- b. The ppl thanked God and established The Word by Faith (by saying Amen when Ezra blessed the Lord)
- c. They prayed and Worshipped (by lifting up their hands)
- d. They prayed and worshipped (by bowing down before Him)
- 🕒 vs. 9- The Word of Truth caused them to weep
  - a. They may have wept because of the weight of The Law exposed their sin, shame, guilt, but we Do Not!
  - b. The Word causes us to encounter the purity and power of Truth. We may experience the feelings having offended God and we want to make it right or obey what we hear it say.
  - c. 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
  - d. We now get to Abide in Jesus, Abide in His Word, and Abide in His Love
  - e. "...do not mourn nor weep."
- 🕒 vs. 10- "for the joy of the Lord is your strength."
  - a. This is a depiction of New Testament Grace, Revival, and of how we are to meet The Word of Truth in our lives!
  - b. Do not weep, mourn, or be grieved by God, but rather receive with Joy and strength to fulfill and realize God's Promises
  - c. Go Celebrate the Sabbath, share with those in need, give and be generous to others, Enjoy this Holy Day
- 🕒 vs. 12- to share gifts of food, and to celebrate with great joy because they had heard God's words and understood them.

## John 15: 18-27

- 🕒 Trials, Troubles, and Tests
- 🕒 If and when the world hates you. How to deal with being unliked, hated, and unwanted.
- 🕒 Persecution - surely there are many degrees of the severity of this
  - 🕒 Naturally, Physically in parts of the world for their faith
  - 🕒 Spiritually for being a son/daughter of The Father: having faith in God, following Jesus Christ, and/or being full of The Holy Spirit.
  - 🕒 This can be comforting to us, grounding when we feel unliked, unwanted, rejected, unheard, misjudged, put down, and / or persecuted in this life for Christ or even because of something known or unknown.
- 🕒 Vs. 25- But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'
- 🕒 Jesus Says, we are not greater than HE. And they hated Me and about to crucify Me.
  - 🕒 But Don't Sweat It! They hated ME and My Daddy too!
  - 🕒 Jesus Says, "I am going to lay down My Life you, My Joy that is set before Me!
  - 🕒 What are we to do? Meet It with JOY! Meet Trials, Troubles, and Tests with JOY which is your strength.
  - 🕒 Hated on the outside! But LOVE on the INSIDE!
  - 🕒 Hated out there in the world, But LOVE in HERE!
  - 🕒 Confusion is when we get the two mixed up. Or we start bringing what is out there in here!
- 🕒 Vs.26- Holy Spirit Testify of ME

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