

JOY WITHIN

Big Idea: Happiness is found in our _____, while joy is found _____.

Items will never _____ true joy!

Throughout the Bible, the word JOY is written over _____ times.

John 16:22 "No one can take away your _____."

Everything that happens in life is either God _____ or God _____.

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 "I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to _____ again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was _____, I spent a night and a day in the open sea. I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from _____, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow _____, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from _____ believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without _____."

These circumstances did not rob Paul of his _____!

Romans 8:28 "And we know that in ____ things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his _____."

The Bible doesn't say that all things are _____, but God is able to take _____ in the life of a believer and make it work out for good in our lives.

No thing is _____ included in ALL.

Losing our joy suggests we shifted our focus from God's _____ to our own _____, unhappiness, or _____.

How to get some joy back in our lives:

1. Refocusing on God is the first step to _____ your joy.

Galatians 5:22 "But the _____ of the Spirit is love, _____, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Rediscovering your JOY is found by looking back and seeing the _____ of God.

2. Doing God's _____ increases our JOY.

3 John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the _____."

3. Being _____ about seeking and finding JOY.

When you surround yourself with reminders of JOY, you can be confident in the _____ of God.

Happiness is tied to _____, but joy is not!

4. Asking God to _____ you JOY within (fruit of the Spirit)

Psalm 51:12 "Restore to me the joy of your _____, and make me willing to obey you!"

The joy of the Lord is my _____.

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with ALL JOY and peace as you _____ in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the _____ of the Holy Spirit."

Happiness comes from our circumstances, but joy comes from _____.