

My Joy My Strength

Luke 15







Rejoice always!





Acts 16:25

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.



Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS.





Hebrews 12

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17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.



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21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.



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What Jesus Wants You to Know About Joy

Joy does not originate with you.

It is something given to you from God.



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BUT

God's joy is not COMPLETE without you!



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5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.



JOY is that moment when you and God FIND each other.



Being LOST is an inability to know the heart of God





Being LOST is an inability to know the heart of God

Joy is when you finally realize it



The heart of God...

'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

You are always with me, and everything I have is yours.











Psalm 105

43 He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy;





Isaiah 51

11 Those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

2 Corinthians 6

8 Through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; 9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.





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