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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Galations 5:22-23

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"The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like."

Galations 5:19-21

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"I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit The Kingdom of God."

Galations 5:19-21

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If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

51% would change their weight.

32% would change a physical aspect of their body.

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If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be?

64% would change their wealth.

21% would change their intelligence.

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Being a *better person* tops God's list of changes we need to make.

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The 1st trait we are to demonstrate in our lives is *love*.

The 2nd trait He wants us to demonstrate is *joy*.

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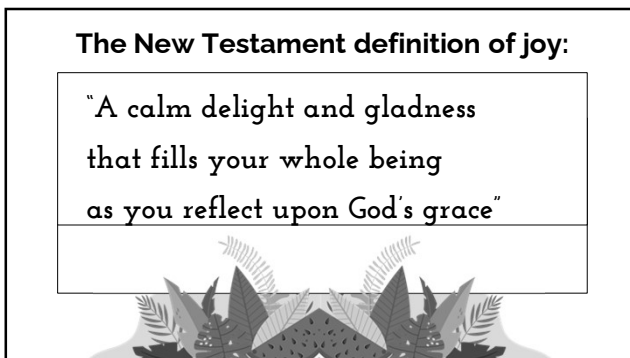
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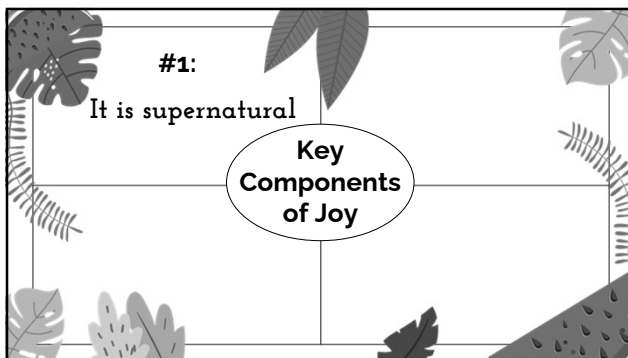
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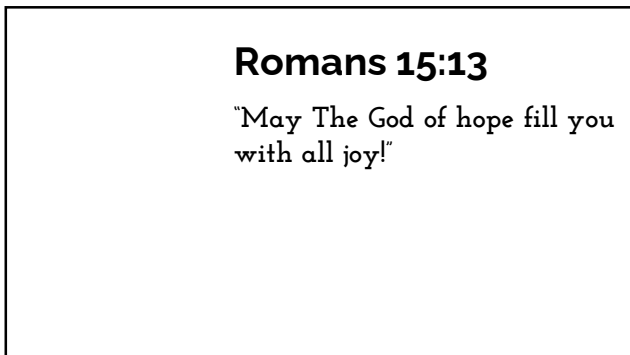
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John 15:11,

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete."

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Acts 16:34

"The jailer brought them into the house to set a meal before them; he was filled with joy, because he had come to believe in God. He and his whole family believed!"

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1 Peter 1:8

"You will have an inexpressible, glorious joy."

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Galatians 5:22

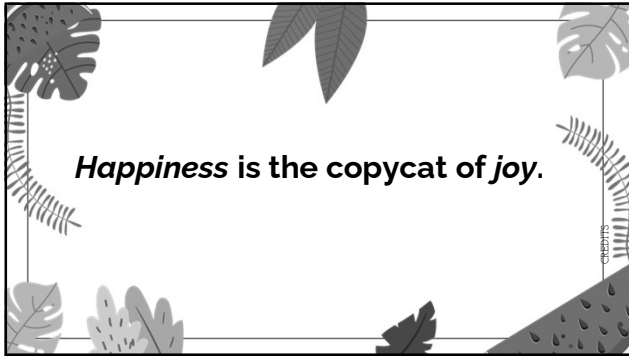
"For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy. . ."

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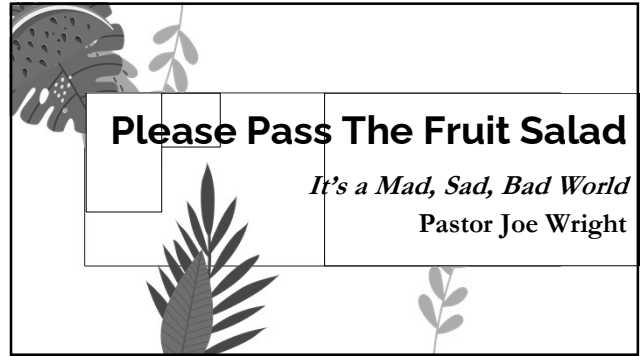
Psalms 94:19

"When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy!"

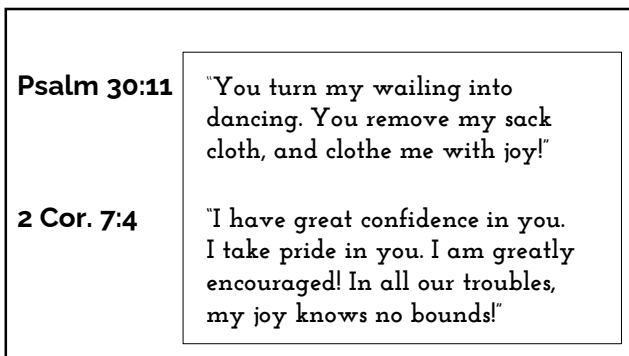
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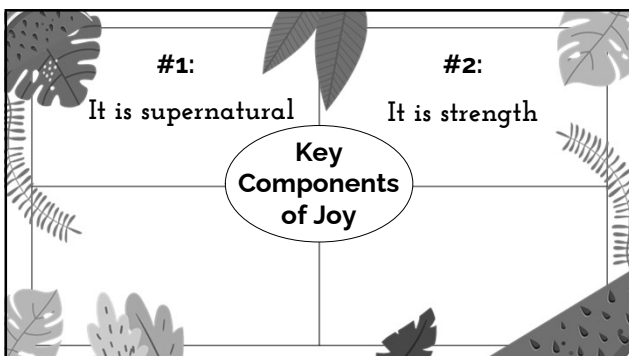
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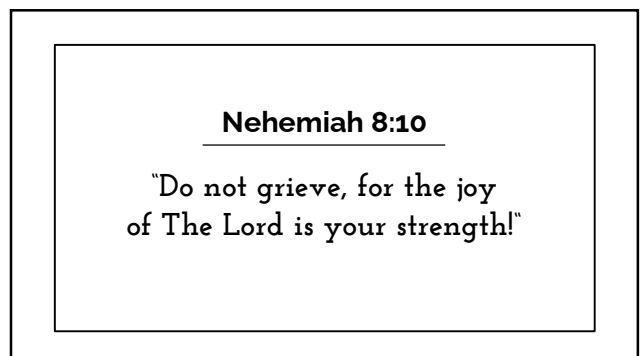
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Hebrews 12:2

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross. . ."

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Acts 2:25

"I saw The Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I will not be shaken."

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Acts 2:28

"You have made known to me the paths of life; you fill me with joy!"

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Proverbs 17:22

"A cheerful heart is good medicine."

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#2: It is strength

#3: It is susceptible

Key Components of Joy

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Joy is susceptible when . . .

- Sin is tolerated

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Psalm 51: 10-12

"Create in me a pure heart, O Lord. Renew in me a steadfast spirit. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me."

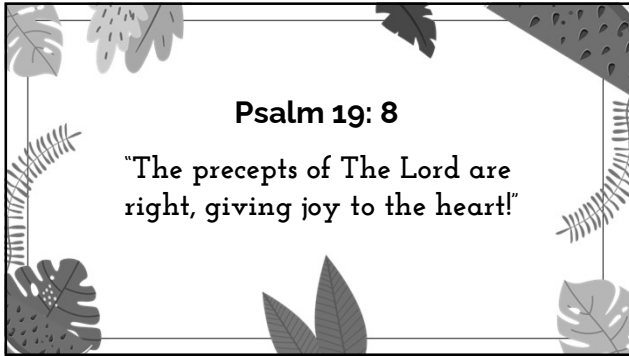
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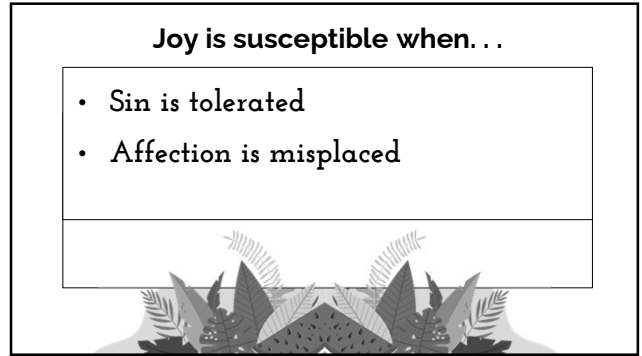
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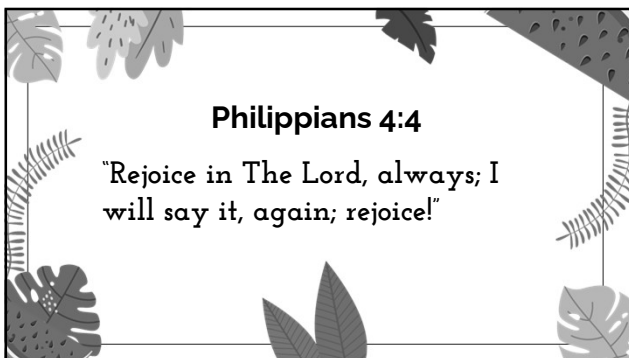
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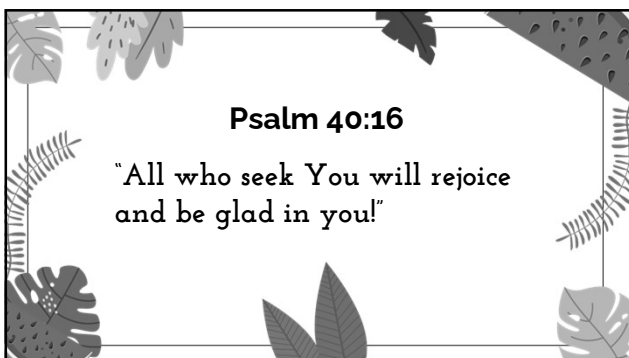
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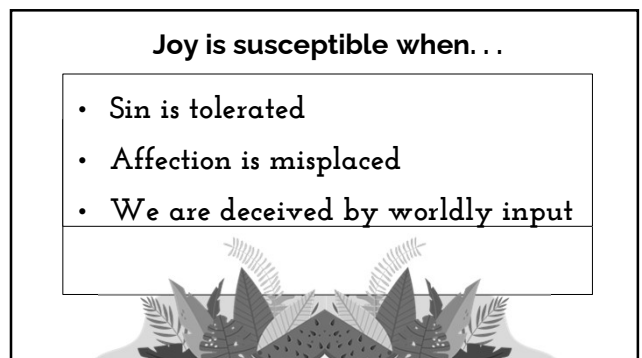
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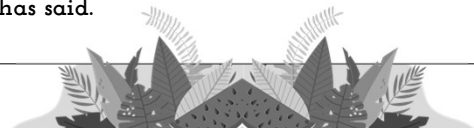
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Colossians 2:8

"Don't let others spoil your faith and joy with their philosophy; their wrong and shallow answers are built upon men's thoughts and ideas, instead of what Christ has said."



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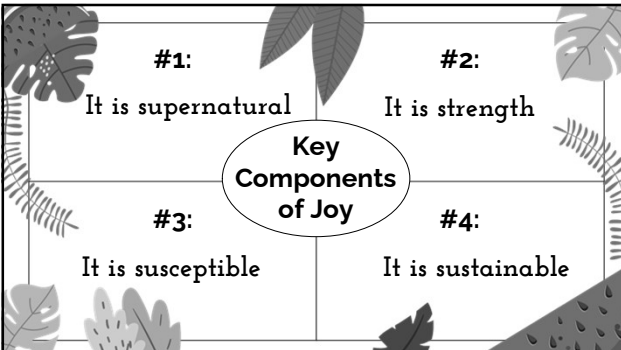
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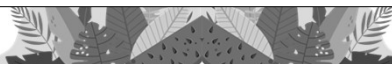
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John 17:13

"I am coming to you, and I am saying these things while I am here, so that you may have a full measure of my joy within."



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Joy is sustained by the word of god.

Jeremiah 15:16, "When your words came, O Lord, I devoured them! They were a joy to my heart's delight!"

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Joy is sustained by prayer.

John 16:24, "Jesus said, until now you have not asked for anything in My name; ask, and you will receive, and your joy will be complete!"

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Joy is sustained by worship.

Psalm 107:22, "Let them come with sacrifice, and thank offerings, and tell of His works with songs of joy!"

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Joy is sustained by worship.

Psalm 145:7, "Celebrate the abundant goodness of your Lord with joyful singing and righteousness!"

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Joy is sustained by promoting peace.

Proverbs 12:20, "There is joy for those who promote peace!"

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Joy is sustained by encouraging others.

Proverbs 15:23, "Man finds joy in giving an apt answer. How good is a timely word."

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Joy is sustained by investing your life in ministry.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, "What is our joy? What is our Crown? It is You, O God; indeed You are our glory, and our joy!"

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