ANSWERING LIFE'S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS

how can i experience deep joy

What is more important?

1)The quest for my ultimate purpose or;2)The quest for my deepest joy?

What is more important?

1)My journey for truth or;2)My journey for peace?

- (Ecc 6:3) If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he.
- (Ecc 6:4) For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered.

- (Ecc 6:5) Moreover, it has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds rest rather than he.
- (Ecc 6:6) Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good
 do not all go to the one place?

 (Ecc 2:1) I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you ..."

The 5 dead ends of Joy: 1)Education

- (Ecc 2:15) Then I said in my heart, "What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?" And I said in my heart that this also is vanity.
- (Ecc 2:16) For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool!

The 5 dead ends of Joy: 1)Education

 (Ecc 1:17) And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

The 5 dead ends of Joy: 2)Pleasure

- (Ecc 2:1) I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity.
- (Ecc 2:2) I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?"

The 5 dead ends of Joy: 2)Pleasure

- (Ecc 2:3) I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine.
- ...(Ecc 2:8) ...I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.
- (Ecc 2:10) And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure.

The 5 dead ends of Joy: 3)Work/Achievements

- (Ecc 2:4) I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself.
- (Ecc 2:5) I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees.
- (Ecc 2:6) I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees.

The 5 dead ends of Joy: 3)Work/Achievement

 (Ecc 2:11) Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

The 5 dead ends of Joy: 4)Money

- (Ecc 2:8) I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.
- (Ecc 2:9) So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

The 5 dead ends of Joy: 4)Money

- (Ecc 2:10) And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil.
- (Ecc 2:11) Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

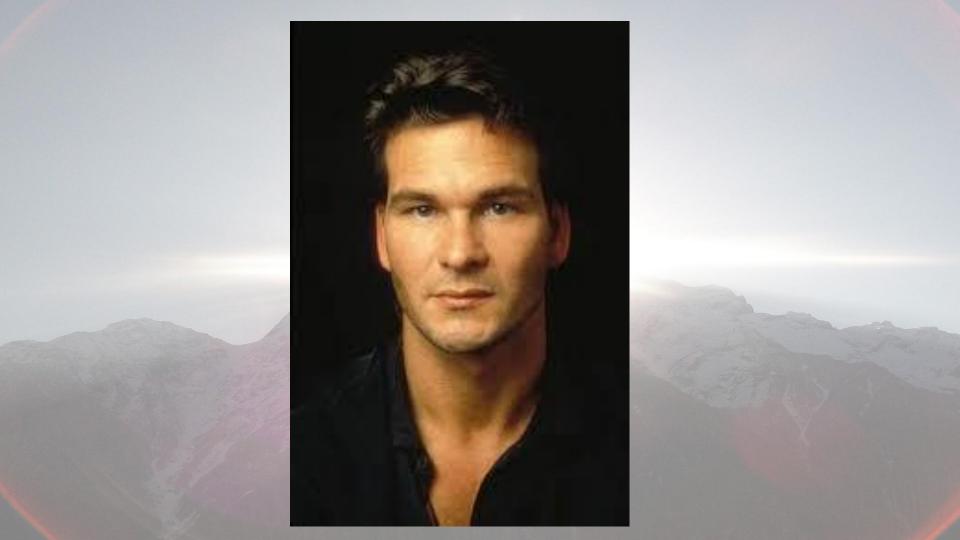
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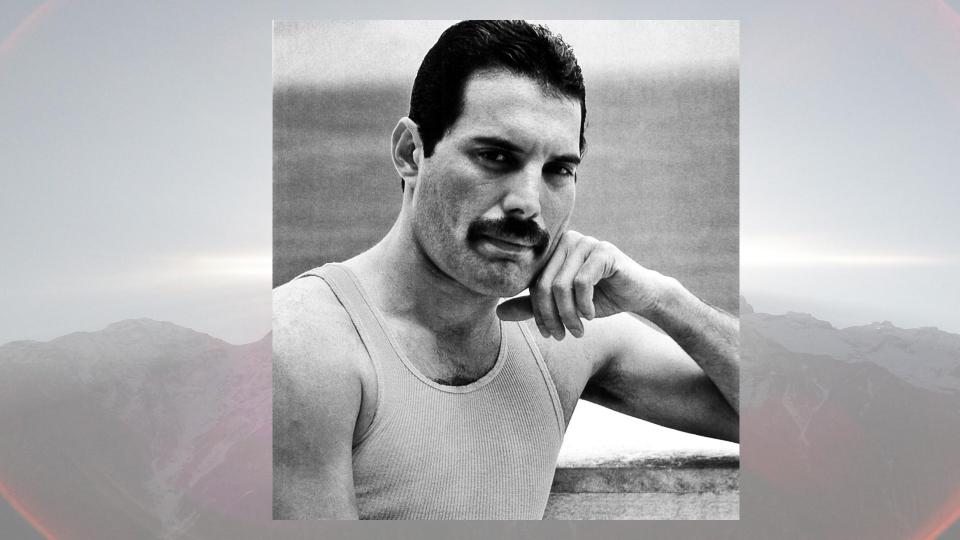
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5)Success







Beatitudes: "blessed,happy"

• (Mat 5:3) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

• 1) Get to know God

• (Mat 5:4) "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

- (Psa 147:3) He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.
- (1Co 10:13) No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

• 2) Trust God when life gets disappointing

• (Mat 5:5) "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

• 3) Expect God to meet my needs

 (Mat 5:6) "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

• 4) Follow God's instructions with hunger

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- ** Cultivate a forgiving heart
- **Maintain a clear conscience
- **build healthy relationships
- **Live with an eternal perspective

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 (Psa 16:11) You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

 (Act 5:41) And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

 (Rom 15:13) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

 (1Pe 1:8) Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

• (1Pe 1:9) obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

 (Php 3:7) But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

 (Php 3:8) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

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The journey to be in God's will and the journey for ultimate joy....

It is one journey. One destination.

The quest for unshakable worship and the quest for joy, it is one quest

The path of spiritual truth and obedience, is also the path of unending joy

100% joy and soul satisfaction is paved on the road of your greatest purpose, to glorify Jesus.

....You do not have to choose......

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