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Endurance in the Faith

Part 2: Hope, Joy and your Endurance



Last week: Prisoner of Hope

- (Zec 9:12) Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.



Rom 8:14-17

- (Rom 8:14) For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- (Rom 8:15) For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"



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- (Rom 8:16) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- (Rom 8:17) and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



How does Joy and “sadness” live together?

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- (Rom 8:17) and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



Expectation is key

Is it supposed to be like this?



Expectations is key

- (Rom 8:7) For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.





- (Rom 5:10) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- (Jas 4:4) You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- (1Pe 5:8) Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- (Gal 5:17) For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.



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Sadness:

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Sadness: Collapsing of those circumstances

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Joy is buoyant

- (Php 4:4) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

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- (2Co 4:7) But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.
- (2Co 4:8) We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;
- (2Co 4:9) persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
- (2Co 4:10) always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.



Joy is buoyant

- (1Th 4:13) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.



What is Joy?

The opposite of happiness is sadness

The opposite of joy is hopelessness



An eternal hope

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- (Mat 12:20) a bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory;
- (Mat 12:21) and in his name the Gentiles will hope."




An eternal hope

- When my hope is in Him, my joy is buoyant
- When my hope is in God, my joy is full and sadness a pothole



My Hope and Joy

- (Psa 4:7) You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- (Rom 8:31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?



(Rom 8:35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

(Col 1:27) To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.



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So what about nice circumstances?
What about bad circumstances?



In Good circumstances, be joyful in the moment and by the beauty of God and what is to come

In sadness, rejoice in the growing depth of your relationship with God, and the relief that is coming in this life and the next.