

A black and white photograph of a large crowd of people at an outdoor event, possibly a festival or fair. The scene is filled with people of various ages and ethnicities, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. In the background, there are structures and signs, including one that says "Sarda" and another with "15:04". A large, teal-colored circular graphic with a stylized 'C' shape is overlaid on the center of the image. The overall atmosphere is busy and social.

Rejoice too!

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A photograph of a busy transit station with a large teal circular graphic overlaid in the center. The station has a sign that says "Saida" with an arrow pointing right and a digital display showing "15:04". People are walking in various directions, some carrying bags. The overall scene is slightly dimmed to make the text stand out.

Philippians 4:4 (NKJV)

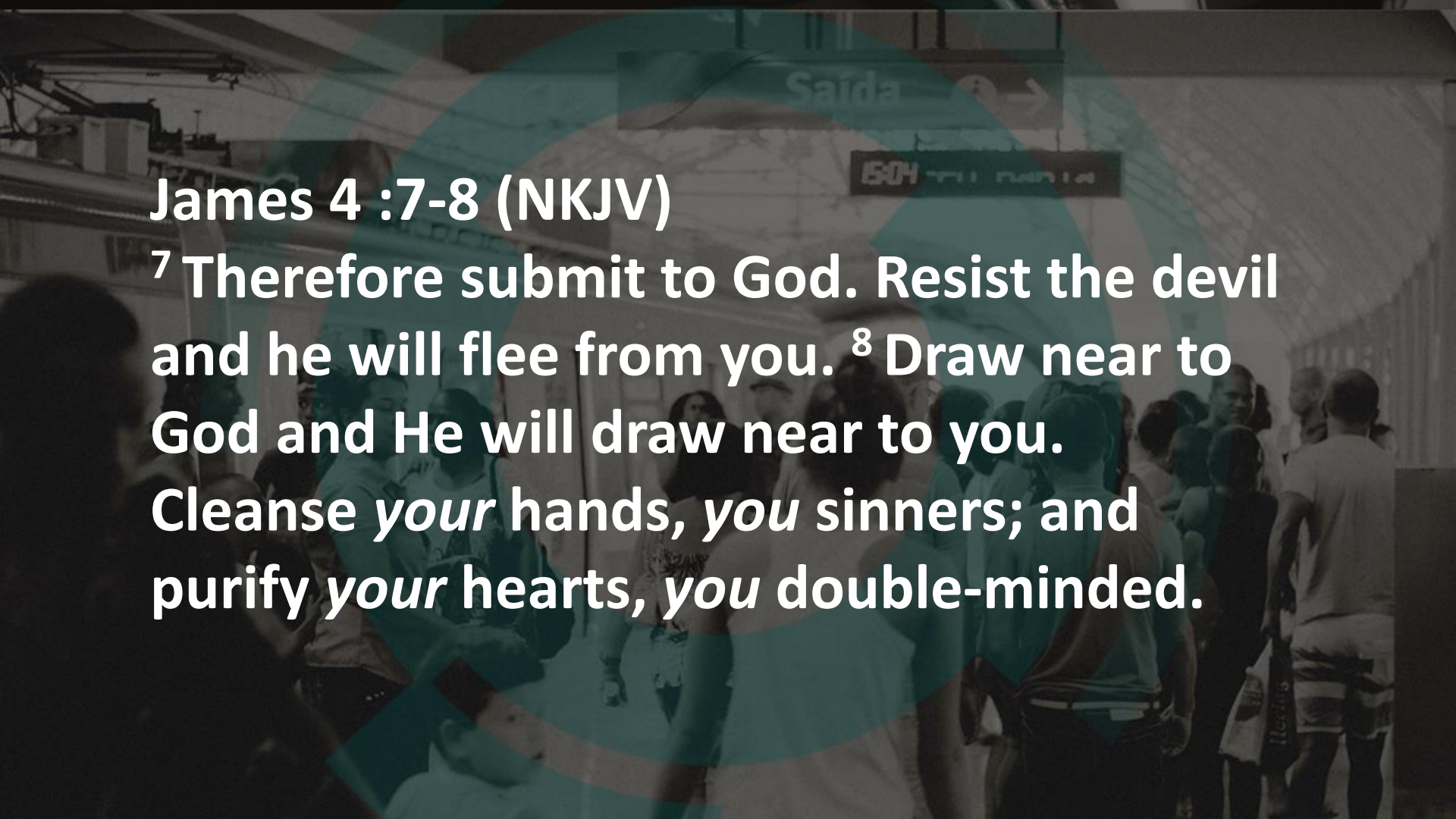
Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

A photograph of a busy transit station with a teal semi-transparent overlay. A large white text overlay reads "It's a choice to rejoice!". In the background, a sign says "Saída" with an arrow pointing right, and a digital display shows "15:04".

**It's a choice to rejoice!**

## Reasons that keep us from rejoicing:

- No living relationship with God the Father.
- Churches have become religions institutions. No example.
- Never told to express your joy and your feelings.
- Personal circumstances:
  - Financial problems,
  - relationship problems,
  - being bullied when younger,
  - been harassed and abused
  - feeling alone, loved ones far away
  - marriage problems,
  - problems at work,
  - health problem,
  - feeling alone, no partner
  - other

A crowd of people walking in a public space, overlaid with a teal circular graphic. The background is a grayscale image of a busy street or market area with many people. A teal circle is centered over the image, and the text is overlaid on this circle.

## James 4 :7-8 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

## **What the Power of Praise Can Do:**

- 1. Praise gets our focus off ourselves and back on God.**
- 2. Praise brings us to a place of humility.**
- 3. Praise makes the enemy flee.**
- 4. Praise leaves no room for complaining and negativity.**
- 5. Praise makes room for God's blessings over our lives.**
- 6. Praise invites His presence.**
- 7. Our spirits are refreshed and renewed in His presence.**
- 8. It paves the way for God's power to be displayed, miracles happen.**

## Luke 10: 1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

A crowd of people is walking through a station or transit area. The scene is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent teal circle. In the background, a sign reads "Saida" with an arrow pointing right, and another sign below it shows "15:04" and "15:04".

**Luke 10: 16 (NKJV)**

**<sup>16</sup> He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”**



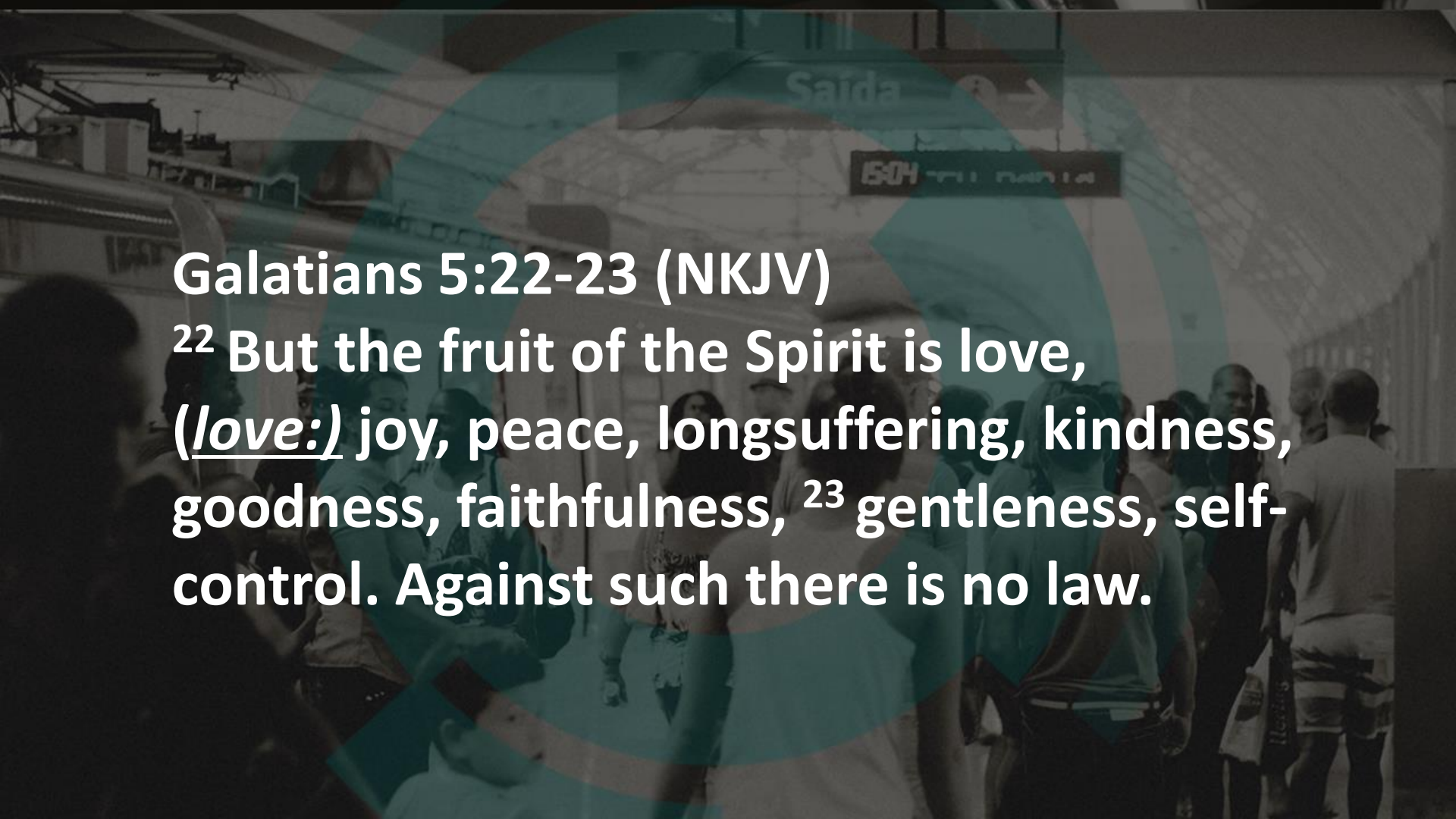
## Luke 10: 17- 20 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” <sup>18</sup> And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.<sup>19</sup> Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

## Luke 10 : 21 - 24 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. <sup>22</sup> All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*."

<sup>23</sup> Then He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, "Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see; <sup>24</sup> for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen *it*, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard *it*."



Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, (love:) joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

A photograph of a busy public transit station, possibly a train or subway station, with a large crowd of people walking. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal circular graphic. In the background, a sign with the word "Saida" and an arrow pointing right is visible, along with a digital display showing "15:04".

**It's a choice to rejoice!  
And when we rejoice, Jesus  
rejoices too!**