

## Faith Rejoices

John 16:23-33

And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: 27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. 28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. 29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. 30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. 31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? 32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

tharseō - of good cheer (as if you have inside information), to be confident, to be bold; to believe confidently that...

Nehemiah 8:10

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

**The importance of the Word getting in you: you may not Notice anything at the moment, but it is an ongoing and growing growth. Down the road attacks will come, but because the Word has been sown in your heart, you are prepared for the attack, even though you may not realize it at the time. When the attack comes, you will say, "I can do this, God is with me" and you will overcome.**

**We need the continual washing of the water of the Word.**

Hebrews 10:25 (CEV)

Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.

**All you have to do to get contaminated is wake up. There are constant voices and lies fired upon us every day. Most of it is contradicting God. It's not hard to get Carnal. But, if you stay with the Word, you'll get stronger and stronger.**

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Satan says "me".**

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Matthew 18:3

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

**Little children are quick to rejoice, quick to laugh, quick to forgive, etc.... All you have to do is play some music, it doesn't matter what it is, and they will start dancing immediately. Question is, why are you not easily rejoicing and dancing? somewhere along the line, things changed.**

Rom 12:12 Rejoicing in hope...; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

**"Sad because you are expecting bad." Glad because you chose to rejoice and received joy, which is your strength...**

**Compromise comes in and says, I'll just expect the minimum. God is not a minimum God.**

Ps 34:1 "I will..." it's not a feeling. It's a decision.

**Why did he tell us to rejoice all the time? Because we need joy which is our strength. Rejoicing accesses this Joy. All the strength that we could ever use and ever need is already inside of us.**

Philippians 4:4 (KJV Strong's)

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Rom 5:2 rejoice in hope

Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Philippians 3:1

**Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.**

Philippians 3:3

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Rejoice evermore.

Flesh "I just don't feel like it".

**And if you are real fleshy, then you just agree with your flesh. And then you get weaker and weaker... But the opposite could happen if you begin to rejoice.**

### **TTR - TIME TO REJOICE**

Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine:  
but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Proverbs 17:22 (CEV)

If you are cheerful,  
you feel good;  
if you are sad,  
you hurt all over.

Isaiah 54:14

In righteousness shalt thou be established:  
thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear:  
and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

**You cannot be afraid and rejoice and laugh at the same time...**

**Oppression is not depression, but it will bring depression. Everything Satan does is to rob your joy.**

Job 5:22

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh:  
neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

**FAITH laughs at adversity...**

Psalms 2:4

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:  
the Lord shall have them in derision.

Psalms 37:13

The Lord shall laugh at him:  
for he seeth that his day is coming.

Psalms 52:6

The righteous also shall see, and fear,  
and shall laugh at him:

Psalms 59:8

But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them;  
thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

Ecclesiastes 3:4

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Psalms 126:2

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with singing:  
then said they among the heathen,  
The LORD hath done great things for them.

Matthew 9:1-2

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. 2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Matthew 9:22

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matthew 14:26-27

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

**“Hey, cheer up, It’s Me; the One Who will never leave you nor forsake you!”**

#### Acts 23:10-14

And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle. 11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome. 12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. 13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy. 14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

#### Acts 27:20-25

And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. 21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. 25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.