

RESILIENT JOY

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Resilient Faith in a Hostile World, part 11

BIG IDEA: How we can find God's joy and enter into it in any season.

Joy, *n.* jòi, settled sense of gladness, delight & pleasure.

"Joy is the settled assurance that God is involved in all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation." —

Rick Warren

"And every day, devoting themselves to meeting with one purpose in the temple courts and breaking bread from house to house, they were eating their food with **joy** and **simplicity** of heart..." **Acts 2:46** LEB

1. God's kind of joy is experienced IN COMMUNITY with others.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34

2. God's Joy is enjoyed in SHARING A MEAL together.

3. God's joy is SIMPLE.

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." **Philippians 4:11-13** (1 Tim. 6:6-8)

4. God's Joy comes as we REST IN TRUTH.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." **John 15:11** (17:13)

5. God's joy arises from MAKING OUR HOME in his presence and love.

"I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love." **John 15:9** TM (Gal. 5:22)

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