

COURAGEOUS JOY

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Joy Infusion, part 5

BIG IDEA: Living courageously fuels your joy.

18b Yes, and I will continue to rejoice

1. Joy is a verb. (Phil. 4:4)

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice¹⁹ because I know this will lead to my salvation through your prayers and help from the Spirit of Jesus Christ.²⁰ My eager expectation and hope is that I will not be ashamed about anything, but that now as always, with all courage, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

2. People praying for us and the Spirit's filling presence are part of how God accomplishes his will. (Mt 7:7; Eph. 5:18)

3. Live courageously for Jesus before the onlooking world. (Josh. 1:9)

"...now as always, with all courage, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death.²¹ For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.²² Now if I live on in the flesh, this means fruitful work for me; and I don't know which one I should choose.²³ I am torn between the two. I long to depart and be with Christ—which is far better—²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

4. 2 Preferable OUTCOMES: In-person with Christ [in heaven]; here with Christ spiritually, impacting the world. (Acts 1:8)

5. He's a living EXAMPLE of how to live with courage & joy in the midst of suffering, injustice & trouble. (1 Cor. 11:1)

6. Something is COMING after this life that far exceeds anything in this world.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" **1 Corinthians 2:9**

7. Living on purpose for Jesus is a close SECOND to the "eternal gift." (Mt. 5:16)

25 Since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶ so that, because of my coming to you again, your boasting in Christ Jesus may abound. Phil. 1:18-26 CSB

8. DECIDE to live into this reality. (Josh 25:15)

9. Living with Jesus for the sake of the World is the key to a FULL LIFE. (John 13:35)

10. Boasting is about being UNASHAMED of belonging to Jesus in the world where that is not popular. (Rom. 1:16)

WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL ABOUT GOD?

He is THERE in all your pain and hardship. (Josh 1:9; Mt. 28:20)

He loves you enough to prepare something GLORIOUS that is still to come. (1 Cor. 2:9)

PUTTING THIS INTO PRACTICE:

¹ Start _____ when things aren't going your way, thanking God for what he's doing in and thru it.

² Go _____ with God and what he has for you.

³ Pray daily for the _____ to help you thru.

⁴ In other-oriented love, _____-a-need, _____-a-need (wherever possible).