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Series Memory Verse

Romans 14:17

**For the kingdom of God is not
a matter of eating and
drinking, but of righteousness,
peace and joy in the Holy
Spirit,**

*The precepts of the LORD
are right, giving joy to
the heart. The
commands of the LORD
are radiant, giving light
to the eyes*

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Psalm 19:8

Joy as an indicator:

Joy, in the believer, is an outward indicator of a supernatural, internal reality



We Find Joy In God's Word Knowing...

God's Word Is Divinely Inspired

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21

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Verbal, plenary inspiration: The extending of God's superintendence of the writing of Scripture down to the very choice of words, not merely to overarching themes or concepts; that is, "the whole of Scripture and all of its parts, down to the very words of the original," were inspired.

***1982 Chicago Statement On Biblical Hermeneutics**

We Find Joy In God's Word Knowing...

God's Word Is Infallible

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

II Timothy 3:16-17

We Find Joy In God's Word Knowing...

God's Word Is Infallible

- Incapable of failing
- Only one infallible rule (authority) for Faith and practice
- Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4

We Find Joy In God's Word Knowing...

God's Word Is Inerrant

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”

John 17:17

- There is no error in Truth
- Christ often quoted Scripture
- Christ had a high view of Scripture
- God cannot lie or err

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Psalm 119

(this could be a great small group or family study opportunity)

Vs. 97 “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.”

Vs. 129 “Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.”

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Nehemiah 8:1-12

-Recent return from captivity

-A time of HIGH Anxiety

-ALL who could understand

**Men, Women, Children, Elderly,
Upper Class, Lower Class, Educated,
Uneducated**

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Nehemiah 8:1-12

-ALL came to hear the Law Read

-Stood for 6 hours

Respect, Reverence, Eagerness

-Leaders moved about the crowd

-And they all understood

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Nehemiah 8:1-12

-They cried--- but were told to go celebrate and rejoice! Together!

Vs. 10 “Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Vs. 12 “All the people went away to eat, to drink, to send portions and to celebrate a great festival, because they understood the words which had been made known to them.

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Nehemiah 8:1-12

- Sin does and should grieve us, however, the Word of the Lord brings Joy!!!**
- What might the Nation of Israel understood from the reading that caused Joy? (hint - A LOT!)**

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S.P.E.C.K.

Sin to confess or avoid

Prayer to pray OR a Promise

Example(s) to Follow

Command To Obey

Knowledge of God and His Character

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Permission to Reverse **S.P.E.C.K.**?

(Hint -another great Study/Worship opportunity)

Using SPECK, where can we see Joy & the Word of God in Scripture?

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Sin To Confess or Avoid

Psalm 119:9

“How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.”

There is JOY in overcoming sin by living according to God's Word!

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Prayer To Pray

Psalm 119:144

**“Your statutes are always
righteous; give me
understanding that I may live.”**

**Pray for understanding that brings JOY like we read
in Nehemiah**

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Promise From God

Isaiah 55:11

“so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it”.

We REJOICE that God's Words are never void of accomplishment and purpose!

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Example To Follow

Romans 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...”

We can emulate Paul who REJOICED in the Gospel and found strength in the “Joy of the Lord!”

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Command To Obey

Joshua 1:8

“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

**Keep! Say! Meditate! Do!
standards, JOYOUS!**

The results are, by God's

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Knowledge of God and His Character

Isaiah 40:28

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Have you not heard? We HAVE heard and REJOICE in the Majesty of the Father!

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Try “SPECK”ing Psalm 119:111

**“Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.”**

God’s Word is a fully true, unchanging, source of Joy!

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There is no event or circumstance, in the life of the believer that should diminish our JOY!

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