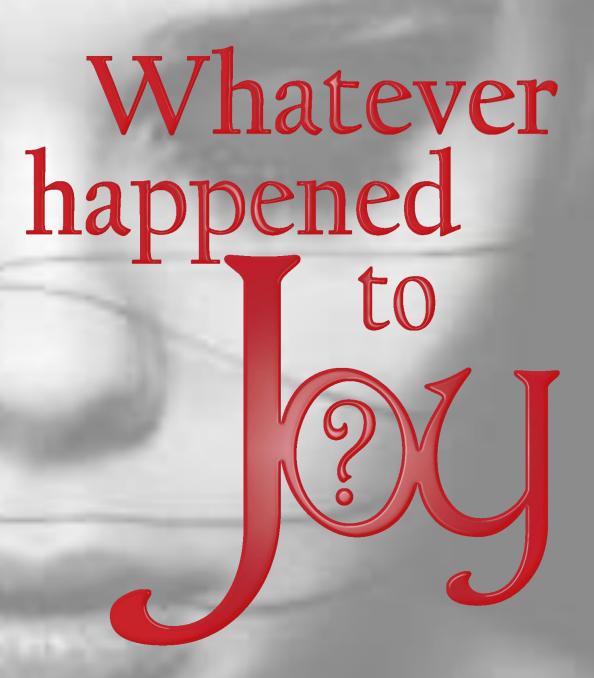
Whatever happened

Joy & God's Word



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



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

God's Word Is Divinely Inspired

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

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

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

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

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."

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

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

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.

Joy & The Word Of God 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!)

Joy & The Word Of God 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

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?

Joy & The Word Of God 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!

Joy & The Word Of God 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

Joy & The Word Of God 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!

Joy & The Word Of God 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!

Joy & The Word Of God 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! The results are, by God's standards, JOYOUS!

Joy & The Word Of God 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!

Joy & The Word Of God 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!

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

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