The Truth about Joy in Trials

Our biblical response trials, tribulations, and tragedies is joy.

James 1:2-4

Romans 5:3-5

Hebrews 10:34

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Matthew 5:12

Jesus was not joyful for his trials.

Isaiah 45:9

John 11:35

Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18; John 2:13-22

Luke 19:41-44

Mark 3:5

Luke 22:44

We are confused about our instruction to be joyful

Ephesians 4:26, James 1:19-20, Proverbs 16:32, Ecclesiastes 7:9

Ephesians 4:27, Psalm 4:4, Romans 12:19, Proverbs 16:32, Ecclesiastes 7:9

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

God expects you to be authentic in your pain

Matthew 5:4

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Revelation 21:4

We are to rejoice in the Lord, not rejoice for our circumstances. We are commanded give thanks during every circumstance, not give thanks for every circumstance.

Philippians 4:4, Philippians 3:1, 1 Peter 1:3-6, 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 1 Peter 3:8, Romans 5:11,

James 1:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 2:18, Philippians 4:4

Your belief must always be bigger than your grief

When your theology is correct, pain is not a threat to your joy or faith.

John 15:11

Our hope is made secure when it’s placed in places and things that cannot be destroyed.

Proverbs 17:22

Hope in eternity empowers us to see past our pain.

Hebrews 12:2

If you don’t figure out your theology before you face a trial, Satan will create it for you.