

Great Joy

The Angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all people." Luke 2:10

Be confident of your salvation through Jesus Christ

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)

"If we disown him, he will disown us. If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself." (2 Tim. 2:12-13)

-How does confidence in Christ impact your mood?

-How is hope tied to joy? (2 Cor 4:16-18)

Choose to be joyful every day regardless of circumstances.

"Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed." (1 Peter 4:13)

-In what circumstance(s) is God calling you to be joyful?

-Are you complaining or griping to those closest to you? What has it brought to those relationships?

Become increasingly generous with your resources

"Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." (Luke 16:9)

-How is generosity tied to joy? What does being generous do for your spirit?

-What can you give away today to those who need it or would appreciate it?

Spend more time thinking about what awaits you in heaven.

"Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." (Colossians 3:1-2)

-How does being heavenly focused change our attitude?

-What is God doing in the spiritual realm for those who love Him? What does that mean for your journey and spiritual life?