

JOY

IN THE JOURNEY



JOY IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

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“The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.”

- Psalm 19:8



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“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”

– Psalm 51:12



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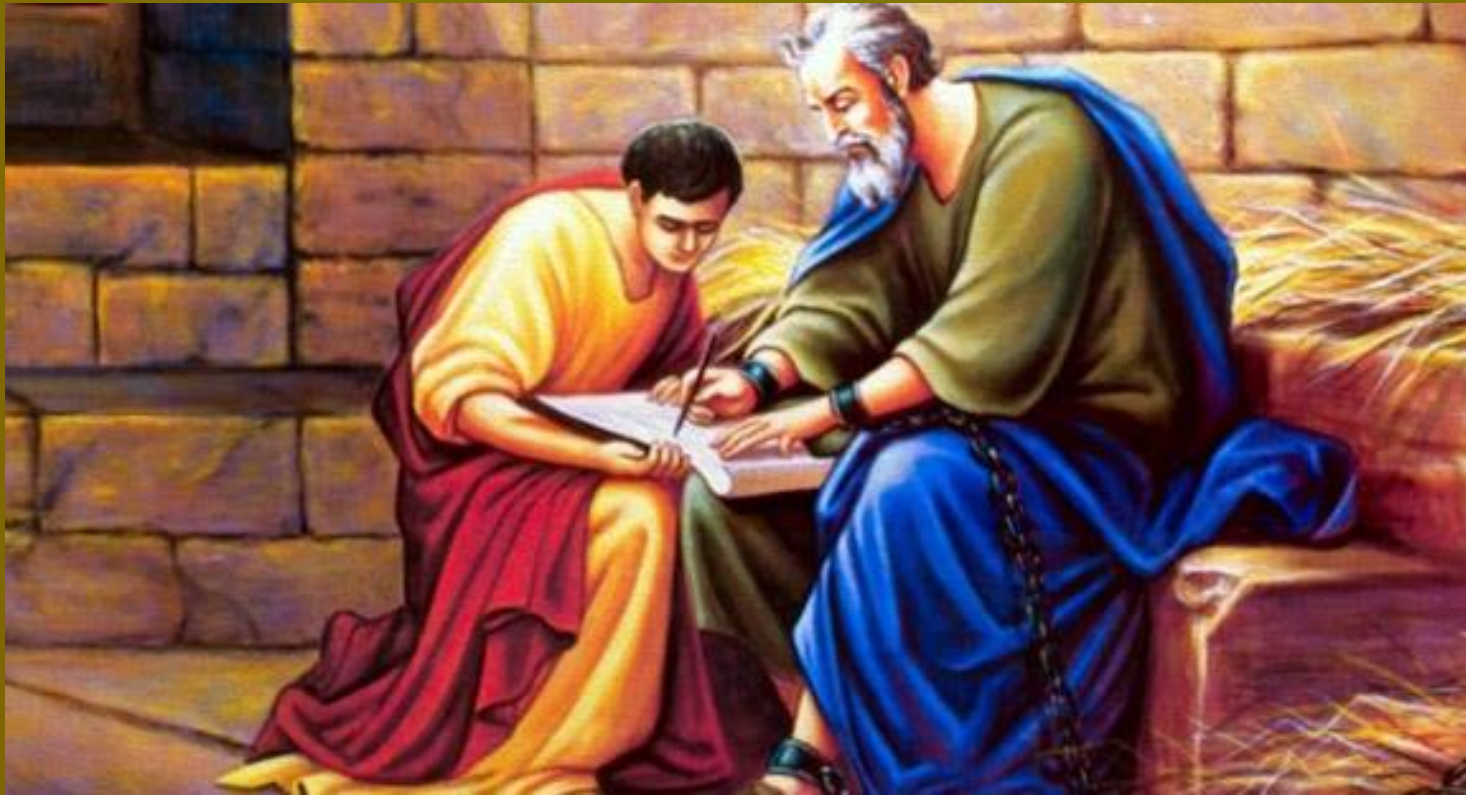


Places where joy is lost or gained:

- your Relationships
- your Circumstances
- on the Job
- your Accomplishments
- your Future
- your Thoughts
- your Finances



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“Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God’s holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons.”

- Philippians 1:1



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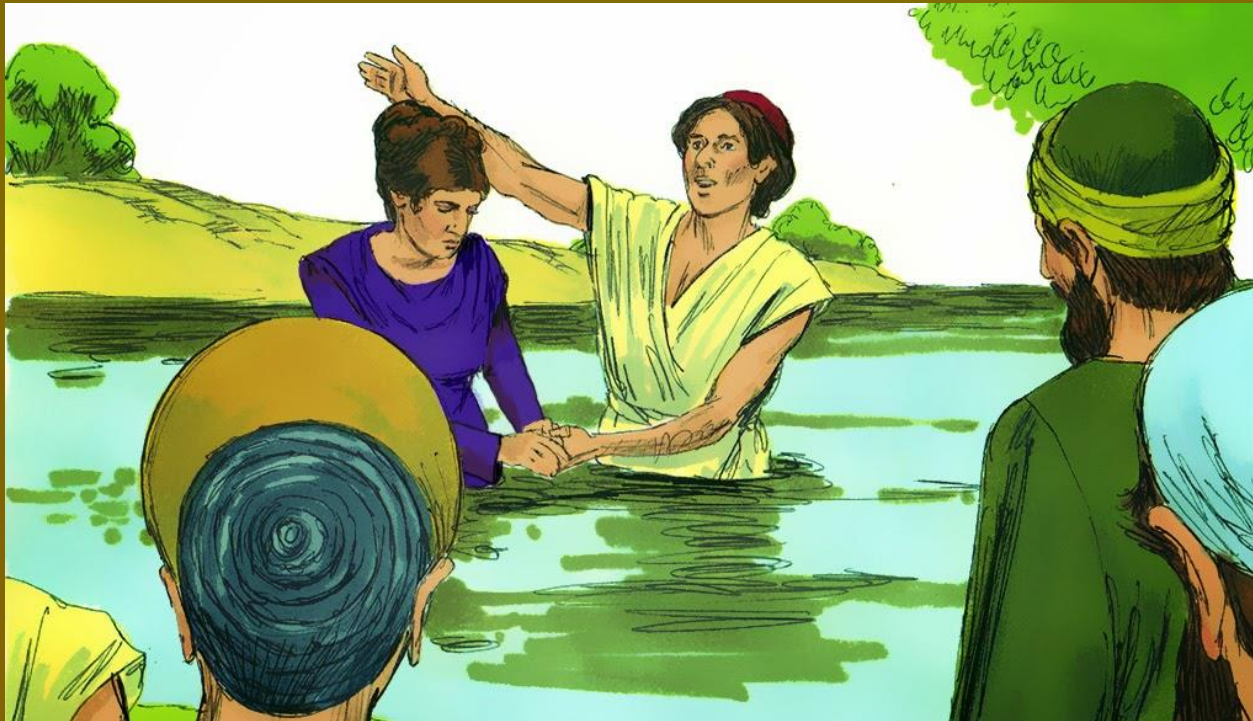


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God invites us to be *joyful* about people ...

... but Satan tempts us to be *jealous* of people.



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“because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,” – Philippians 1:5



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II. Put people in YOUR HEART

III. Put people in YOUR PRAYERS



1. Pray for people's GROWTH.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,”

- Philippians 1:9



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“filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

– Philippians 1:11



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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”

- Galatians 5:22 (ESV)





