



A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK SIX | THE JOY OF THE LORD

FRIDAY

Rejoice in the Lord

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Philippians 4:4

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice."

KEY TRUTH

Because the Lord never changes, believers always have a lasting reason to rejoice.

GOOD MORNING!

Paul wrote about rejoicing from confinement, not comfort. His circumstances were restricted, but his joy was not imprisoned.

The command is not to rejoice in every painful event. It is to rejoice in the Lord. Circumstances change, people disappoint, plans fail, and feelings rise and fall, but Jesus Christ remains faithful.

Rejoicing turns the heart's attention toward what trouble cannot remove: salvation, God's presence, Scripture's promises, the fellowship of believers, and eternal hope in Christ.

Choose praise today before you feel perfect conditions. Speak gratitude aloud. Sing to the Lord. Remember His goodness. Joy often grows after obedience takes the first step toward rejoicing.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

- 1 Read Philippians 4:4 aloud.**
- 2 List three reasons to rejoice in Christ.**
- 3 Speak one expression of gratitude aloud.**
- 4 Spend five minutes praising the Lord.**
- 5 Celebrate God's goodness with someone else.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
- Charles Wesley

"Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore."

Our joy remains secure because Jesus reigns with unchanging authority, goodness, and love.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Celebrate a specific evidence of God's goodness with someone whose attention has been consumed by difficulty.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are my unchanging reason for joy. Lift my attention above temporary trouble and help me remember salvation, grace, truth, fellowship, and eternal hope. Put praise upon my lips and make my gratitude contagious today. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Rejoicing is not waiting until life becomes perfect; it is praising the perfect Lord in the middle of life.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

**Week Six | Saturday | Serve With Gladness |
Psalm 100:2 (KJV)**

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!