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WITH
PASTOR MIKE



A DAILY MOMENT.
GOD'S TRUTH.
LASTING IMPACT.



A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK SIX | THE JOY OF THE LORD

WEDNESDAY

Joy Through Trials

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

James 1:2-3

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

KEY TRUTH

Joy in a trial comes from trusting what God is producing through it.

GOOD MORNING!

James does not tell believers to enjoy pain or pretend that trials are easy. He tells us to count them as joy by considering what God can accomplish through them.

A tested faith develops patience, endurance, and maturity. The pressure we would never choose can become the workshop where God strengthens what comfort could not develop.

Joy looks beyond the present difficulty without denying it. It says, 'This hurts, but God is here. I do not understand everything, but I trust that He will not waste this season.'

Bring both your pain and your confidence to God today. Tears and joy can exist in the same prayer. The trial is temporary, but the character Christ is forming can become part of your testimony forever.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

- 1 Read James 1:2-4 slowly.**
- 2 Name the trial testing your faith.**
- 3 Identify one way God is growing you.**
- 4 Spend five minutes asking for endurance.**
- 5 Encourage someone walking through hardship.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Count Your Blessings"
- Johnson Oatman Jr.

"Count your blessings, name them one by one."

Gratitude helps faith recognize God's goodness even while a difficult season is still unfolding.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Do not minimize another person's pain.
Listen compassionately, then gently remind them that God is still at work.

PRAYER

Faithful God, I do not rejoice in pain, but I rejoice that pain cannot remove me from Your hands. Give me endurance, wisdom, and a teachable heart. Use this trial to form the character of Christ in me and help me encourage others without dismissing their hurt. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Joy does not call the trial good; it trusts the good God who refuses to waste the trial.

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 | Thursday | Joy Comes in the Morning |
Psalm 30:5 (KJV)**

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

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