

The Supernatural Wellspring of Joy

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John 15:11; Philippians 4:4–7; Hebrews 12:1–2; James 1:2–4; 1 Peter 1

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NASB 2020)

1 Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.+

To live a life of joy we must connect to God's wellspring of joy

Philippians 4:4–7 (NASB 2020)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! **5** Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all people. The Lord is near. **6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

John 15:11 (NASB 2020)

11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that your joy may be made full.*

James 1:2–4 (NASB 2020)

2 Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, **3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. **4** And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

No amount of joy will overcome a person who has made up their mind to be miserable.

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Hebrews 12:2 (NASB 2020)

2 looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.