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How to enjoy God's presence in this confusing world

PART 1 – REJOICE!

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, **over all the earth**, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; **fill the earth and subdue it**. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Ephesians 2:8

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, **it is the gift of God**—

Isaiah 55:1-2

¹ "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

John 10:10

¹⁰ I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 7:37-38

³⁷ If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.

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1. REJOICE.

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⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

John 11:39b-40

³⁹ "Lord, by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰ "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

Galatians 5:22 ESV

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Romans 15:13 ESV

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

James 1:2 ESV

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.

Numbers 13:26-27

²⁶ They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they

reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.

²⁷ They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

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²³ When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.

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²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."

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³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."

³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Proverbs 17:22

22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Proverbs 10:28

28 The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

1 Chronicles 16:27

27 Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place.

Psalms 32:11

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Psalms 28:7

7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Psalms 30:11

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

Psalms 100:1

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Psalms 47:1

1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!