

Joy in the Service

Psalm 100:2. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.



Joy is our response to God's love

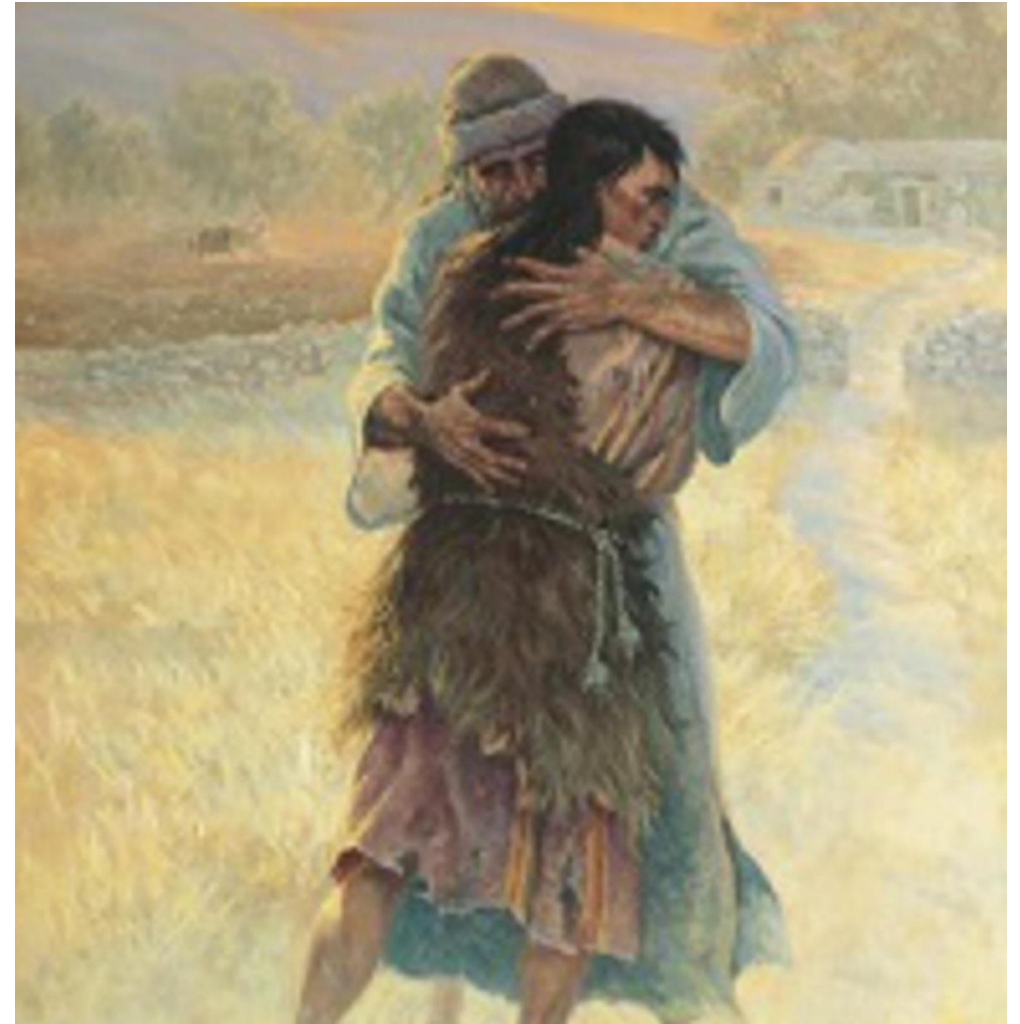
- **Deuteronomy 28:47-48.** “Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

Rejoicing in our salvation

- **Psalm 50:12 LXX.** Give me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a directing spirit.
- **Luke 10:20.** Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”
- **Psalm 16:11.** You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

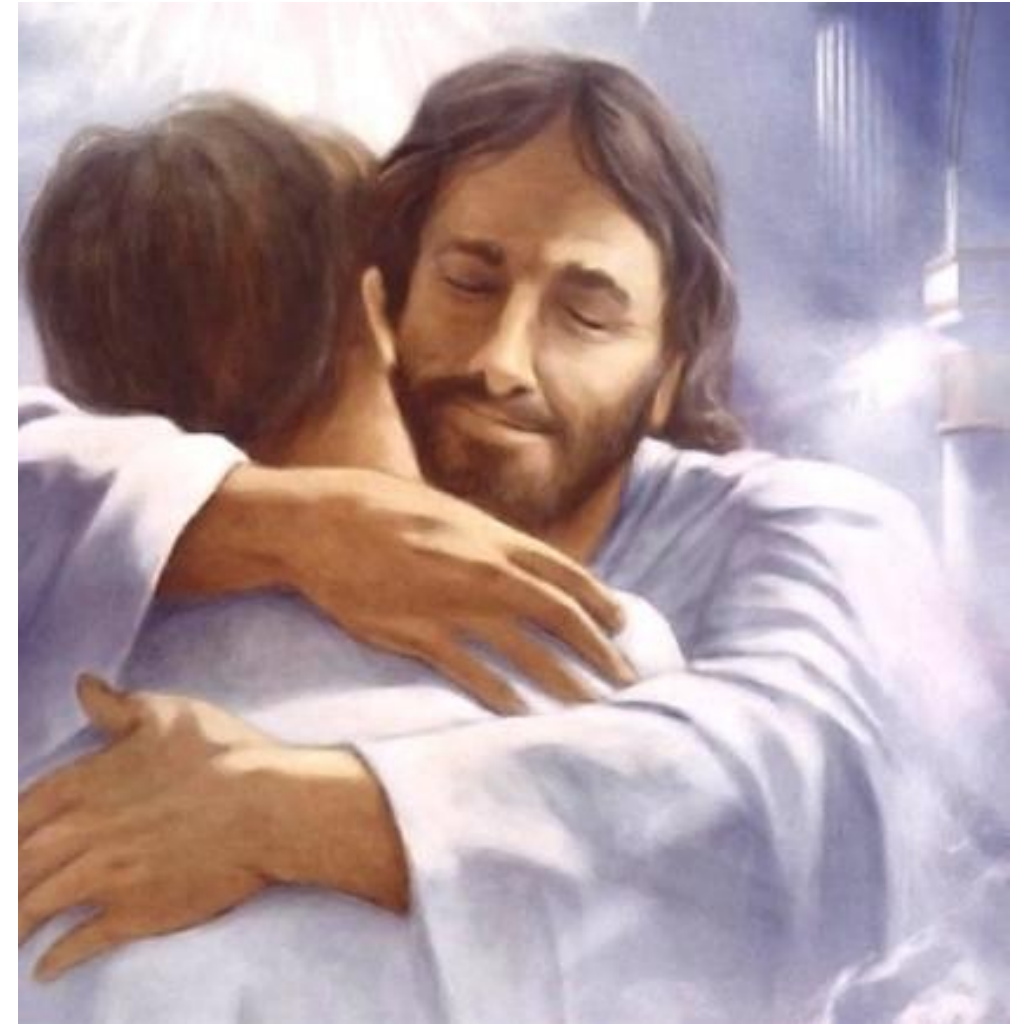
The sorrow of repentance leads to joy

- **2 Corinthians 7:10.** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death



Rejoicing in the salvation of others

- **Romans 9:2-3.** I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh
- **Luke 15:7.** I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.



Rejoicing during the suffering of service

- **2 Corinthians 6:4-5.** But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;
- **2 Corinthians 12:15.** And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.
- **Philippians 4:4.** Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!



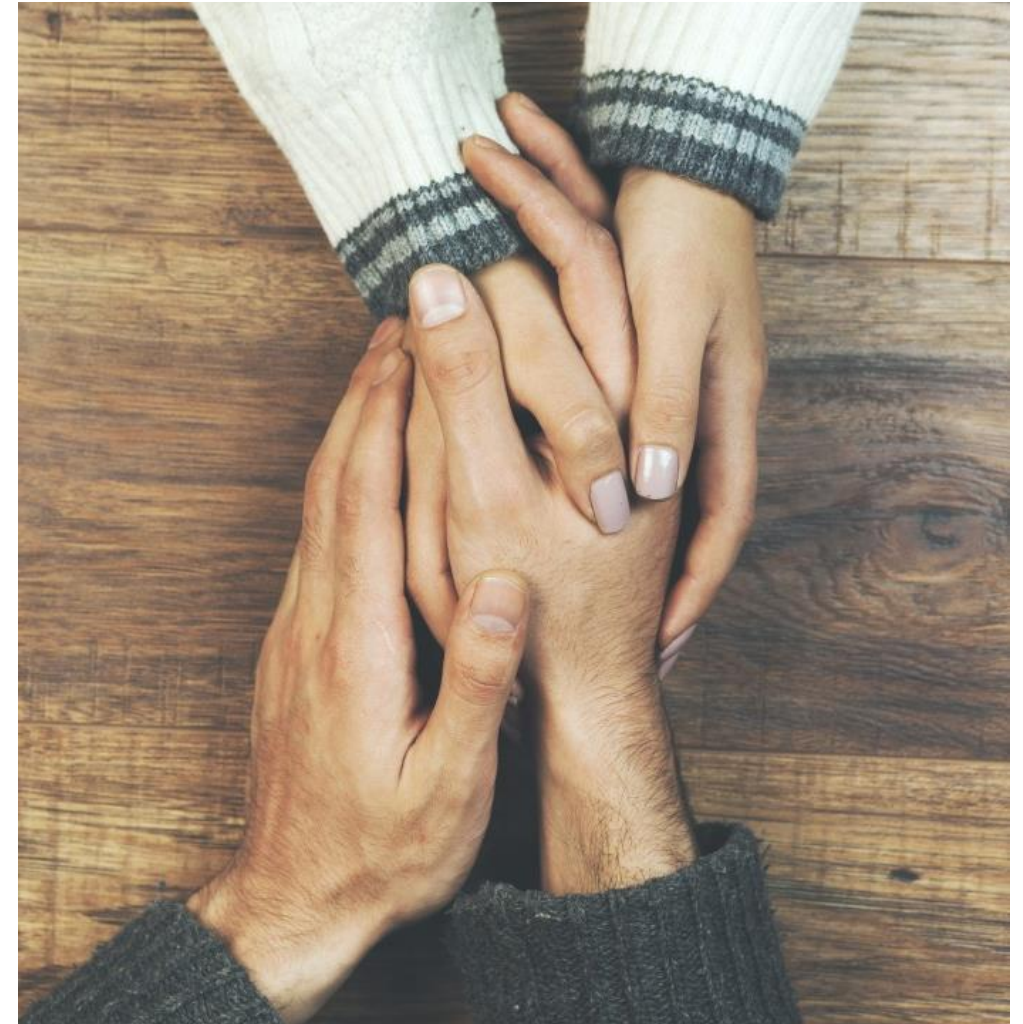
Rejoicing in the outcome of great labor

- **John 16:2.** A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world



Rejoicing in receiving comfort from God and comforting others

- **2 Corinthians 1:4-6.** who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.
- **Romans 12:15.** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.



Sorrow is temporary

- **Psalm 30:5.** For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy comes in the morning.



Our spiritual strength is rooted in joy

- **Nehemiah 8:10.** “Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”



Joy allows us to endure

- **Hebrews 12:2.** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Our sorrow is turned into joy

- **John 16:20.** Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.



Conclusion

- Joy is our response to God's love
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