Month 2 | Week 3
March 15, 2021

JOY
Rejoice Always

James 1:2-3

"Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace]."

Devotional

Be encouraged to hold the calm delight in your heart no matter what comes your way. "Let joy be your continual feast. Make your life a prayer. And in the midst of everything be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 15:16-18 TPT). Joy is a weapon of spiritual warfare, Joy is freedom, Joy is your confidence in Christ. How are you using your Joy today?

Joy is not a reaction to something, it is a part of who you are. You don't have to see the vision and plans in completion to be joyful. Your trust in Him causes you to see the future and the hope that He has promised you. "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and though you do not even see Him now, you believe and trust in Him and you greatly rejoice and delight with inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8 AMP). Confidently trust Him and rejoice in the Lord!

Study

Romans 12 is our focus for this week's study. This chapter is jam-packed with blue prints from the Lord, outlining 3 fundamental foundations: *The Transforming Power of the Gospel*, *Your Proper Role in the Body of Christ*, and *Transformed Relationships*.

Reflection & Action

- Meditate on Romans 12:12, "Let this hope burst forth within you, releasing a continual joy. Don't give up in a time of trouble, but commune with God at all times" (TPT).
- REJOICE this week! Be intentional and release your Joy! It is contagious.

INSPIRATION & NOTES

Come and Dance with Me

When the storm of life is raging,
The thought comes where can I hide?

As evening comes so nigh,
I slip into bed and begin to cry.

Then my Jesus softly calls to me:
Come and dance with me!

You and I will dance,
In the eye of the storm.

As we dance in the eye of the storm,
My love will carry you through.

You are more than a conqueror,
So come and dance with me.

Arm in arm,
We will dance in the eye of the storm.

By Edith Smith

"Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, take pleasure in Him]; again I will say, rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4