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Acts 13:38-52

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So, being sent on their way by the church,
they passed through both Phoenicia and
Samaria, describing in detail the conversion
of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to
all the brothers. —ACTS 15:3

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"Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian."
—G.K. CHESTERTON

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Joy is the Common Pursuit of Every Human Heart

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Joy is a Constant in the Midst of Conflict
and Change

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Acts 16:22-24

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About midnight Paul and Silas were
praying and singing hymns to God,
and the prisoners were listening to them.

—ACTS 16:25

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"We often use the words joy and happiness interchangeably, but a distinction should be made. Happiness often depends on happenings. If circumstances are encouraging and people are kind, we are happy. But joy is independent of both circumstances and people. The most joyful epistle Paul wrote was Philippians, and he wrote it from jail as he faced the possibility of being martyred for his faith." —WARREN WIERSE

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Joy is the Condition of a Heart Where the
Holy Spirit Dwells

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And the disciples were filled with joy and with
the Holy Spirit. —ACTS 13:52

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¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is
debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody to the Lord with all your
heart. —EPHESIANS 5:18-19

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Joy is Based on Confidence that God is in
Control of My Life and Circumstances

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"The world's joy is temporary and artificial; and when the joy is gone, people are left with even greater weakness and emptiness. But the joy that comes from the Lord is real and lasting and enriches our lives. God doesn't give us joy instead of sorrow, or joy in spite of sorrow, but joy in the midst of sorrow. It is not substitution, but transformation." —WARREN WIERSEBE

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These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. —JOHN 15:11

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Philippians 4:4-9

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WHEN I PUT MY CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD... PHILIPPIANS 4:4

My joy is not dependent on my circumstances.

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WHEN I PUT MY CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD... PHILIPPIANS 4:5

My attitude is attached to God's promises.

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WHEN I PUT MY CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD...

My fears become the fuel of my prayers.

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WHEN I PUT MY CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD... PHILIPPIANS 4:8

My thoughts are focused on my responsibilities.

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WHEN I PUT MY CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD... PHILIPPIANS 4:7, 9

My peace is found in God's presence and purpose.

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Joy is a Choice that Begins with Surrender

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"No matter how you look at it,
nothing can steal a man's joy if he
possesses a single mind!
'For to me to live is Christ, and to
die is gain.'" —WARREN WIERSEBE

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