



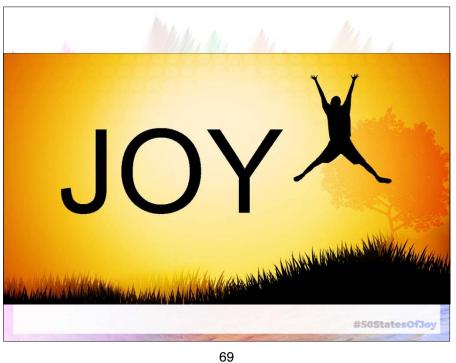
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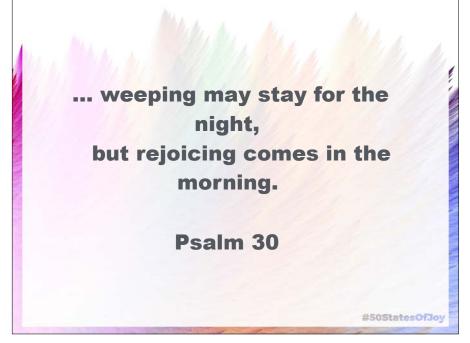






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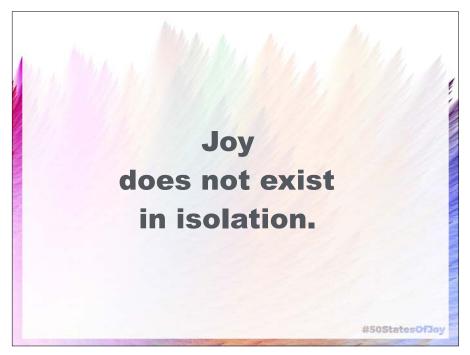
You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and CLOTHED me with joy,
that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.
Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

Psalm 30:11-12



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"Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to JOY. A woman giving birth to a child has PAIN because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the ANGUISH because of her JOY that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of GRIEF, but I will see you again and you will REJOICE, and no one will take away your JOY.

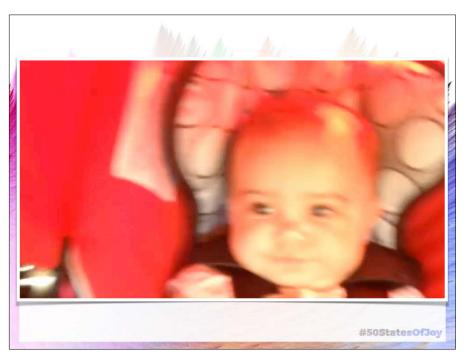
John 16

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Joy is found in the ordinary

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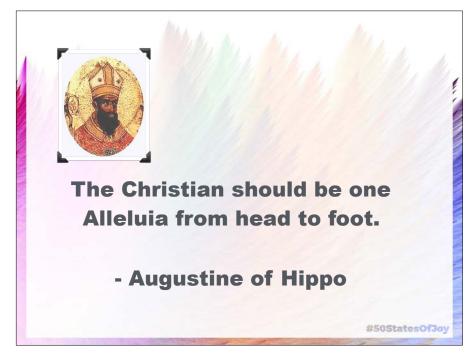
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The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.

When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his JOY went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44

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As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed;

sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;

poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

2 Corinthians 6

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

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

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

Philippians 4

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"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my JOY may be in you and that your JOY may be complete.

My command is this:

Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."



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John 15



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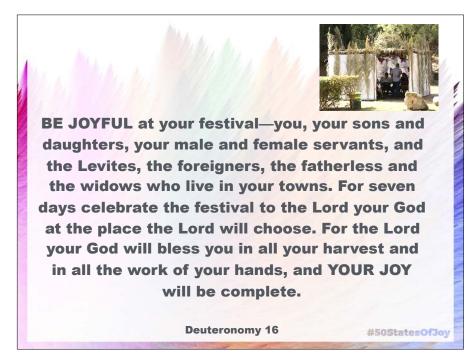
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Therefore if you have ANY encouragement from being UNITED with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my JOY COMPLETE by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2

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"Joy is the most vulnerable emotion we experience. And if you cannot tolerate joy, what you do is you start dress rehearsing tragedy. How many of you have ever stood over your child while they're sleeping and thought, 'Oh my God, I love you' — and then pictured something horrific happening? Or woke up in the morning and thought, 'Oh my gosh, job's going great. Parents are good. This can't last."

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During her research Brene Brown met people who had a profound capacity for joy. When something really blissful happened to them, they felt grateful. "Instead of using it as a warning to start practicing disaster, they used it as a

reminder to practice gratitude."

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Study: Forcing a Smile **Genuinely Decreases** Stress



Borrow Joy

"The next time you are stuck in traffic or are experiencing some other type of stress," says Pressman, "you might try to hold your face in a smile for a moment. Not only will it help you 'grin and bear it' psychologically, but it might actually help your heart health as well!"

"Grin

& Bear It"

"Smiling during brief stressors can help to reduce the intensity of the body's stress response, regardless of whether a person actually feels happy.

> "Joy is the best makeup." **Anne Lamott**

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