

Joy ^{to the} World

Living a Life of Christmas Joy

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At its heart, joy seems to be based on relational-emotional response to other people.

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²² 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.

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²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

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²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

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The Sensation of God's Absence

Theresa of Avila

“If he seems to forget me, very well, he is free to, since I am no longer mine, but his
He will weary of keeping me waiting sooner than I of waiting for him.”

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How do we apply?

- Remember JOY is about relationship.

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 - Work at the relationship.

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- Remember JOY is about relationship.
 - Work at the relationship.
 - Spend time together.

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- Remember JOY is about relationship.
- Remember the times of closeness.


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- Remember JOY is about relationship.
- Remember the times of closeness.
 - Linger on the memory.

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- Remember the times of closeness.
- Remember that all relationships are dynamic (they have an ebb and flow).

Communion



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