

# "JOY" AND JOY



Yes, the joy of the Lord is our strength.

**The Joy of the Lord.**

**Of the Lord.**

But we are tempted sometimes to "prime the pump."

....To generate joy,

...to create an atmosphere,

...to surround ourselves with "joy balloons" when we've lost our focus.

The Joy of the Lord is not a "feeling" but a spiritual reality.

The Joy of the Lord is not an emotion, but an act of faith, aided by the Spirit of God.

***"As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing."***

*II Corinthians 6*

***"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!"***

*Philippians 4*

God's Joy holds us, even when things are falling apart.

God's Joy guides us, even when we're surrounded by darkness.



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*Prayer: Lord, help us, help us... to find strength, hope, peace, contentment in the joy that comes from you. May we find "your joy" despite any disappointment, any sadness, any fear, any darkness that surrounds us. And instead of manufactured, artificial joy.... may it be real, brimming with life and hope.... coming from keeping our hearts focused on your wonder, your goodness, your loving presence... Amen.*

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