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Joy Through Suffering

Joyful *Always*

Joy Is Based On _____

Happiness Happens By _____

Joy Happens By _____

Joy _____

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! *(NASB)*

- ***Morals*** - principles and values you use to determine what is right, wrong, good, or bad.
- ***Belief*** - A belief is something you accept as true, whether or not you have proof.
- ***Behavior*** - the way you conduct yourself through your words, actions, reactions, and decisions.

GOD _____ _____ JOY IN US AS HE DEVELOPS _____ _____ IN US.

Happiness Is An External _____

Joy Is An Internal _____

Happiness Is Based On _____

Joy _____

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Philippians 1:3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. **4** Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, **5** for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. **6** And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.
(NLT)

DON'T _____
GOD'S _____
WORK WITH GOD'S
_____. JUST
BECAUSE HE'S NOT
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DOESN'T MEAN HE'S NOT
_____!

...Develops through _____

Philippians 1:7 So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. **8** God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus. **9** I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. **10** For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. **11** May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.
(NLT)

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Philippians 1:12 And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. **13** For everyone here, including the whole palace guard,*[Praetorium]* knows that I am in chains because of Christ. **14** And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear. *(NLT)*

DON'T LET YOUR _____ _____ YOUR _____.

…Develops through _____

Philippians 1:15 It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. **16** They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. **17** Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. **18** But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice. **19** For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance. *(NLT)*

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Philippians 1:20 For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. **21** For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. *(NLT)*

WHEN CHRIST BECOMES YOUR _____, CIRCUMSTANCES NO LONGER HAVE THE _____ TO DETERMINE YOUR _____.

…Develops through _____

Philippians 1:22 But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. **23** I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. **24** But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. **25** Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. **26** And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me. *(NLT)*

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Philippians 1:27 Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. *(NLT)*

…Develops through _____

Philippians 1:28 Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. **29** For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. **30** We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it. *(NLT)*

SPIRITUAL _____ ISN'T _____ BY HOW LOUDLY WE _____ WHEN LIFE IS _____, BUT BY HOW _____ WE _____ WHEN LIFE GETS _____.

Philippians 1:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. *(NLT)*