



Brought Back To Joy

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. **Restore to me the joy of your salvation** and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm. 51:10-12



Difference between Joy and Happiness

Happiness: External Circumstances

Joy: Internal Reality



Being unhappy in a sad season:
Normal and Understandable



Being joyless in a any season:

A symptom something is "off" in the heart



In the spring, **at the time when kings go off to war**, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. **But David remained in Jerusalem.**

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her.

2 Samuel. 11:1-4



But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

2 Samuel. 11:27, 12:1-3



“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

2 Samuel. 12:4



David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

2 Samuel. 12:5-6



Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

2 Samuel. 12:7-10



The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

Jeremiah. 17:9-10



A **joyless** heart becomes a **restless** heart
“When kings went off to battle” David stayed home
2 Samuel 11:1



A **restless** heart becomes a **wandering** heart

David wandered to the rooftop

2 Samuel 11:2



A **wandering** heart becomes a **sinful** heart

Adultery, Lies, Rejection of Child, Multi-Murders

2 Samuel 11:3-27



A **sinful** heart becomes a **hardened** heart

David doesn't even recognize himself

2 Samuel 12:5-6



A tender heart

"I have sinned against the Lord!"

"Your sins have been taken away"

2 Samuel 12:13-14



Restore to me the joy of your salvation

Psalm. 51:12



You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Psalm. 51:16-17



How Tender Hearts are Made

1. Repentance and Rescue



How Tender Hearts are Made

2. Discipline and Discipleship



How Tender Hearts are Made

3. Comfort and Communion





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