

Title: “How to Rejoice in our Desperation”
(i.e. “How to Embrace What God Has Allowed”)
Text: (PS 100)

How can I do this when I don’t Feel Like IT?
How can I do this when I am experiencing _____?
How am I supposed to Rejoice in this desperate situation?

You are lacking JOY

Definition of Joy: *A cheerful, calm delight for God’s Will to be perfected in all the circumstances of life.*
(Prov 15:13) (Eph 5:18-21)

THANKS, Expression of gratitude;
Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory. 1 Cor.15.
Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. 2 Cor.9.

Gratitude expressed: (Heb 13:15)
Commanded to give thanks: (Ps 107: 21-22)

But How do I give thanks when I don’t Feel it?
Everyone Has Something to Be Thankful For

Why do Bad things Happen?
It is the stark reality of living in a sin-cursed world.
This world is Corrupted By Sin, thus
This World is Cursed with Sorrow!
(Eph 2:3) (Rom 5:12)

The Curse of Sin Ravages our Body:
(Job 14:1) (Job 16:8)

The Curse of Sin Ravages Nature:
(Rom 5:12) (Rom 8:21-22) “*Groaneth & Travailleth*”
(Is 11:6-9) 1 day: The lion/lamb; Desert Blossom as a Rose
Why do Bad things Happen?

We can be Thankful God Corrects us as Sons/Daughters:
(Jn 1:12) God loves you just as you are.
(Heb 12:5-11) God Loves you too much to leave you as you are.

Why do Bad things Happen?

God teaches us to Depend on Him: (2 Cor 12:4-10)

How do I be thankful for THIS????

Admit Our Weakness:

Its a Fact: (Jn 15:5)

Its and Asset: It forces us to Depend on Christ.
Embrace What God has Allowed!

Why do Bad things Happen?

God is Maturing You: (Ps 119:167) (Ps 119:71)
(Rom 8:28-29) Promise that we can Trust God’s heart

Even when we can’t understand what God’s hand is doing,
We can Trust God’s heart,

Why do Bad things Happen?

God Is Building into us Patience: (Ps 27:14) (James 1:4)

Why do Bad things Happen?

God is preparing you to Serve Others: (2 Cor 1:3-4)

We throw away broken things. (Mark 6:41)
Will you let God break you to make you Bless-a-ble?

Why do Bad things Happen?

God is Going to Reveal His Glory in You: (1 Pet 4:12-14)

(vs 12) Don't Think it Strange. - Rejoice!
(Vs 14) Happy? Really, yes, God is revealing His Glory.
Stephen's Face shone with the Gory of God: (Acts 6:15)
3 Hebrew Children in the Fiery Furnace.

Why do Bad things Happen?

God Isn't Honor Bound to Tell Us! Its a Mystery
(Is 55:8-9) (Deut 29:29) (2 Cor 5:7)

How Can I be Thankful when I don't feel Like it?
By Faith, Receive Joy from the Lord.

Joy vs. Frustration: is a rejection or refusal of God's working in the circumstances of our life.

We must understand God's purpose for adversity:

To wound the Outer man and his pride.
To allow God to Work on the Inner man
To display our love for God.
To Conform us to be like Christ.
To lead others to salvation in Christ.

Give God the Praise for working in your life!

(Ps 100: 4-5)
We can perform the instructions of thankfulness in verse 4 because of the attributes of God given in verse 5.

1. We Can Be Thankful That "God Loves Us"
(1 John 3:1) (Jn 3:16)

2. We Can Be Thankful That "Jesus Died for Us"
(1 John 4:10) (Rom 5:8)

3. We Can Be Thankful That "Salvation Is Offered to Us"
(Colossians 1:14) (John 1:12) (Romans 10:9-10)

4. We Can Be Thankful That "Heaven Is Waiting for Us"
(John 14:1-3,6)

Acknowledge God's Goodness: (Ps 100:5)

Recognize where it came from! (James 1:17)

Not guaranteed tomorrow! James 4:13-14

Salvation: Rom 6:23, Eph 2:8-9

The income we have: Ecc 3:13

The family, friends, Church, etc. 2 Cor 9:8-11

Gratitude is the Opposite of Bitterness:

Don't Get Bitter, Get Better from it:

Understanding that it is a kindness from God: Rom 8:28
Recognizing God has allowed it for our Good: Rom 8:29

Everything: Good or Bad 1 Thes 5:18

(2 Cor 12:9-10) Paul gloried in his infirmities.

So what are you thankful for?

Saved

Member of this church

Love of a family: spouse, kids, the lack of Kids,

Physical ability: You are still useful

**This is how ThanksGiving that turns into
ThanksLiving**