

*You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Psalm 16:11 (ESV)

JOY COMES BY...

1. KNOWING I AM AT PART OF GOD'S STORY AND HE HAS A PLAN FOR MY LIFE.

For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.
Deuteronomy 30:11-16 (ESV)

*I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
you have known the distress of my soul,
and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.*
Psalm 31:7-8 (ESV)

2. KNOWING GOD WILL WORK IT OUT.

*GOD is King, robed and ruling,
GOD is robed and surging with strength.
And yes, the world is firm, immovable,
Your throne ever firm—you're Eternal!
Sea storms are up, GOD,
Sea storms wild and roaring,
Sea storms with thunderous breakers.
Stronger than wild sea storms,
Mightier than sea-storm breakers,*

*Mighty GOD rules from High Heaven.
What you say goes—it always has.
"Beauty" and "Holy" mark your palace rule,
GOD, to the very end of time.*
Psalm 93 (MSG)

3. CHOOSING TO LOOK BEYOND WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10 (ESV)

WE ACT IN JOY WHEN:

The Year of the LORD's Favor

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.*
Isaiah 61:1-3c (ESV)

1. SERVE WITH GLADNESS

2. SPEAK POSITIVE, LIFE-GIVING WORDS

3. PUT ON PRAISE