

Revive Us Again!

Part 8 – Supernatural Joy

Scripture – Isa 35:10 (TNIV)

¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

A. Understand The Power Of Joy

1. Differentiate between happiness and joy

2. Joy is both:

a) An attitude to cultivate

b) An anointing to receive – Heb 1:9 (TNIV)

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

3. The power of joy:

a) Expression of the revived – Psa 126:1-3 (TNIV)

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of [\[a\]](#) Zion, we were like those who dreamed. ² Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." ³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

b) Evidence of genuine salvation

- Psa 51:12 (NKJV)

¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

- Phil 1:12-14 (NLT)

¹² And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, [\[a\]](#) that everything that has happened to me here

has helped to spread the Good News. ¹³ For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, ^[b] knows that I am in chains because of Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers ^[c] here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message ^[d] without fear.

c) **Effective** medicine – Prov 17:22 (NLT)

²² A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.

B. Unleash The Reality Of Joy

1. **Deal with the "joy thieves"** – Psa 137:1-4 (TNIV)

¹ By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. ² There on the poplars we hung our harps, ³ for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" ⁴ How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?

2. **Draw from the right source**

a) **The altar** –

Psa 43:4 (NLT);

⁴ There I will go to the altar of God, to God—the source of all my joy.

I will praise you with my harp, O God, my God!

Psa 16:8-9 (Amp)

⁸I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my glory [my inner self] rejoices; my body too shall rest and confidently dwell in safety,

b) **The Word** – Jer 15:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies.

c) The Holy Spirit – Isa 61:2-3 (TNIV)

² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called mighty oaks, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.