

# JOY | JOY BY DESIGN



PART 2

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## REST [PEACE] AND JOY

### **Romans 14:17**

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and **joy in the Holy Spirit.**

- ✓ **DEF:** Joy is more than mere happiness; it is a deep-seated emotion tied to the experience of God's presence, His blessings, and His promises.
- ✓ Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as He causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the Word and in the world. J. Piper
- ✓ **Romans 12:2** ...transformed by the renewal of your mind

# GOD'S JOY

**Zephaniah 3:17** The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will rejoice over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy..\* / He will delight in you with singing.

## 2. Joy by Design:

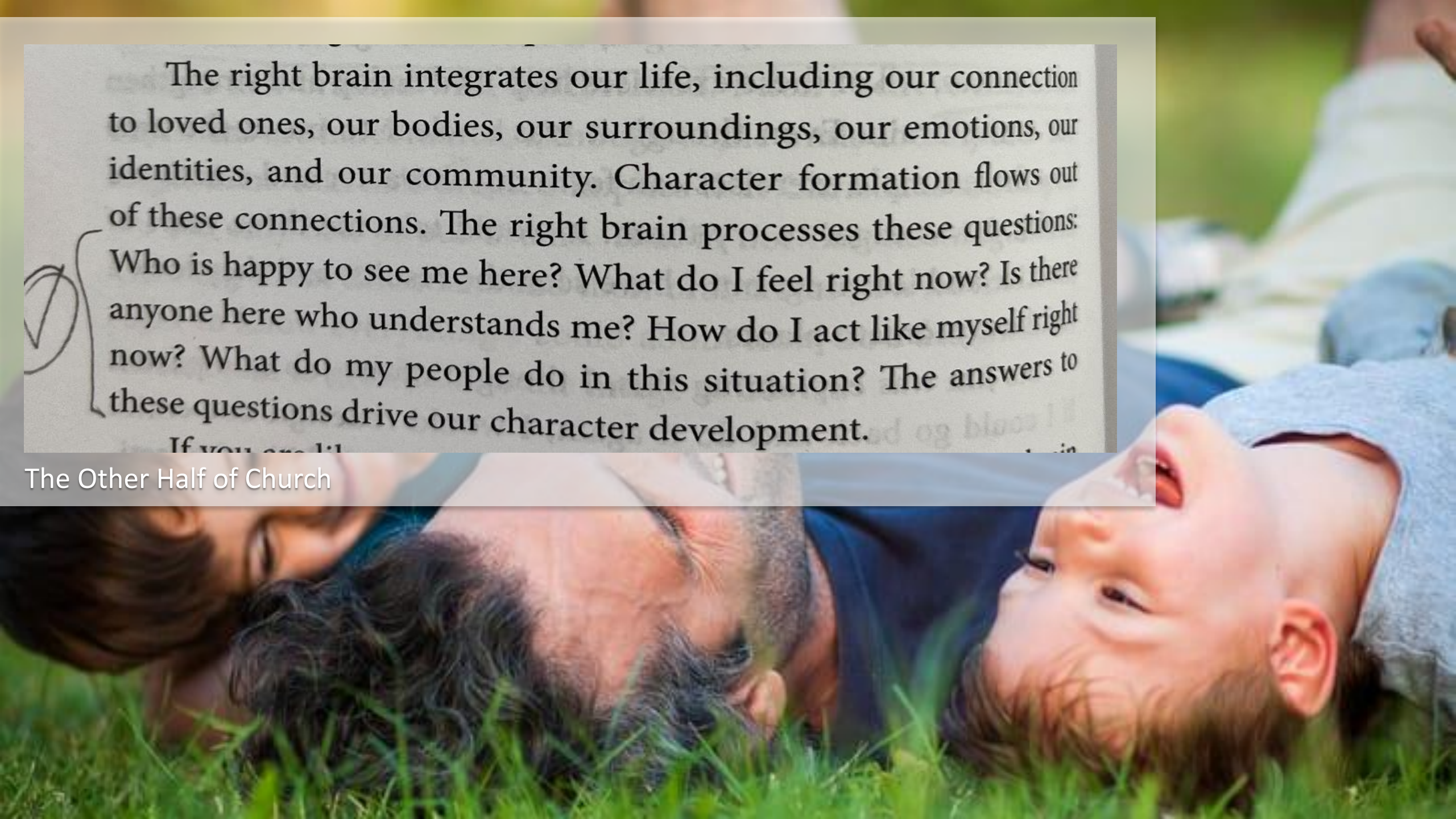
### 2.1 Testimonies

We were made for JOY

Our relational identities

Have you ever...





The right brain integrates our life, including our connection to loved ones, our bodies, our surroundings, our emotions, our identities, and our community. Character formation flows out of these connections. The right brain processes these questions: Who is happy to see me here? What do I feel right now? Is there anyone here who understands me? How do I act like myself right now? What do my people do in this situation? The answers to these questions drive our character development.

If you are lik

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## 2.2 God's Design and the Young -

When is the first time that you really know you've connected with a new-born baby?



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JOY

“Brain science reveals that this joy sensation is crucial for emotional and relational development. Our brain looks specifically to the face of another person to find joy, and this fills up our emotional gas tank. The face is key.”

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### 3. God's face and our joy:

#### The Priestly Blessing

**Number 6:22** The Lord said to Moses, 23 “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: 24 “““The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; 26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”” 27 “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

‘Face’ | Hebrew: pânîym | paw-neem\*

## Psalm 16

5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. 8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. 10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. 11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



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# Where is our joy?

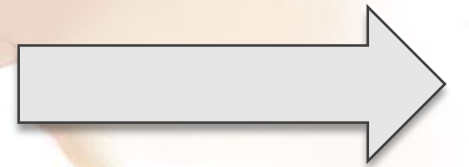


**Fullness** : שֶׂבַע śôba' so'-bah

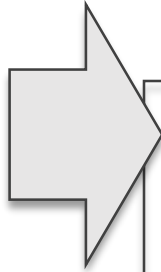
From H7646; satisfaction (of food or (figuratively) joy): - fill, full (-ness), satisfying, be satisfied.

We are a people always big on God's presence.

See how beautiful God's presence is in the need for our JOY and identity formation



## Presence –



**פָּנִים pânîym paw-neem'** Plural (but always used as a singular) of an unused noun (**פָּנֵה pâneh, paw-neh'**; from 6437); **the face** (as the part that turns); used in a great variety of applications (literally and figuratively); also (with prepositional prefix) as a preposition (before, etc.): - + accept, a (be-) fore (-time), against, anger, X as (long as), at, + battle, + because (of), + beseech, countenance, edge, + employ, endure, + enquire, face, favour, fear of, for, forefront..

The most common Hebrew term for “**presence**” is panim [yln’P], which is also translated “**face**”, implying a close and personal encounter with the Lord.

“God designed our brains for joy, and He wants us to live in the glow of His delight. This blessing expresses a joy that can be paraphrased, “May you feel the joy of God’s face shining on you because He is happy to be with you!” – The Other Half of Church





“in your presence there is fullness of joy”



“when Your face shines over me, I’m fulfilled with joy”



# LET'S PRAY



ARISE, SHINE

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

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