

J O Y | ESSENTIAL, NOT OPTIONAL



PART 7

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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.

1. Intro

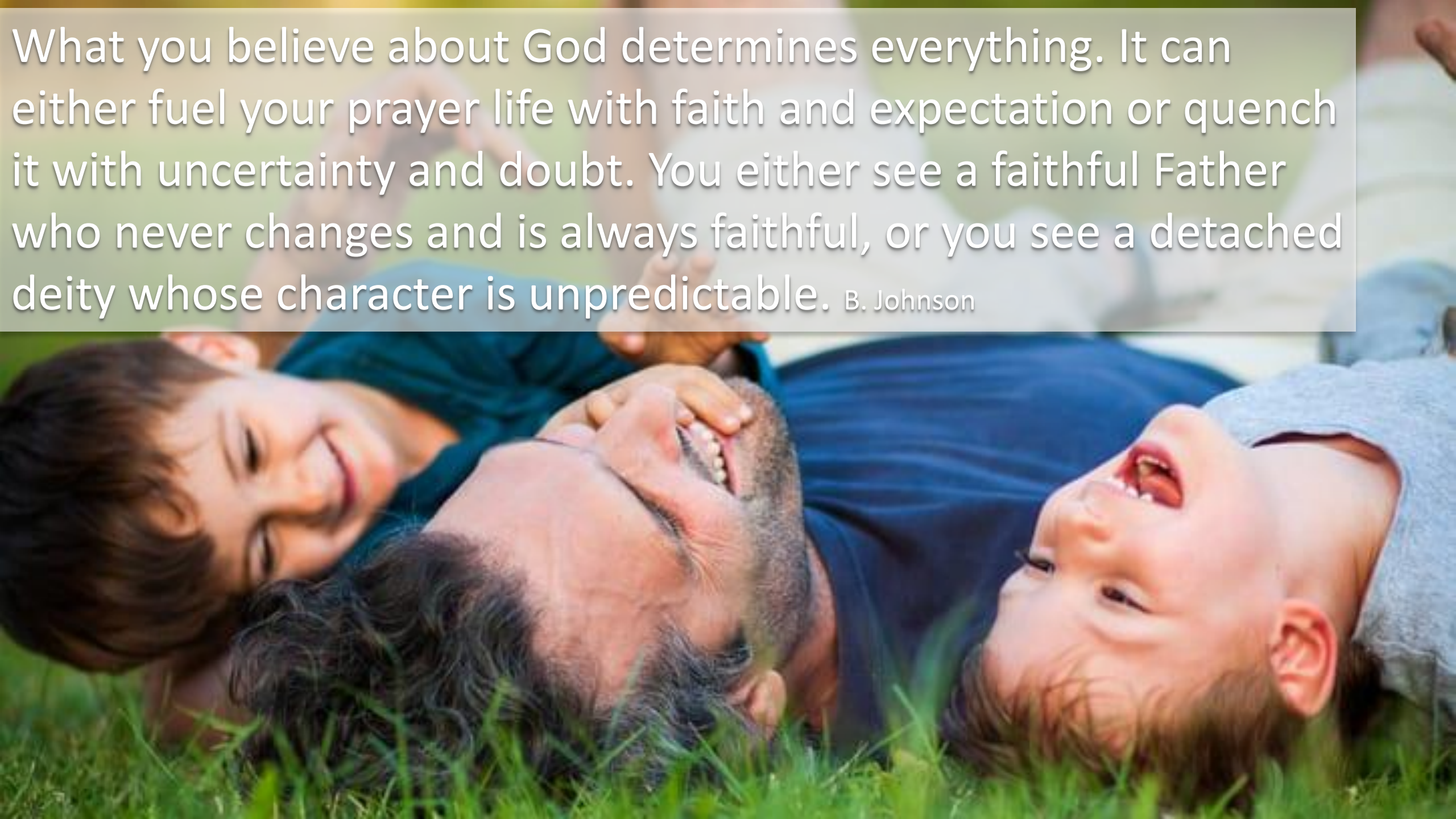
Part One -	<p>Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>DEF: Joy is more than mere happiness; it is a deep-seated emotion tied to the experience of God's presence, His blessings, and His promises.</p>
Part Two-	<p>"Brain science reveals that this joy sensation is crucial for emotional and relational development. ...The face is key.";</p> <p>Numbers 6:25; Psalm 16:11 Presence and God's face</p>
Part Three - DB	<p>Righteousness and our worshipful response</p>
Part Four - Juan	<p>Hebrew 12:1-2 emphasis of spending time with your Father</p>
Part Five -	<p>Joy transformed Joy from darkness "the oil of joy instead of mourning"</p> <p>Isaiah 61</p>
Part Six - Petri	<p>John 15 Pruned for JOY...</p>

2. Joy I Raw and Real:



**What do you feel when
you think about God?**

What you believe about God determines everything. It can either fuel your prayer life with faith and expectation or quench it with uncertainty and doubt. You either see a faithful Father who never changes and is always faithful, or you see a detached deity whose character is unpredictable. B. Johnson



Remember: True joy can only come from a true knowing of God.

DEF: Joy is a deep-seated emotion tied to the experience of God's presence, His blessings, and His promises.

What do you feel when you think of God? And about life...

THE GOODNESS OF GOD -



Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

“Joy can only be rooted in believing the truth about God”

3. JOY, the Command:



God is GOOD – Settled



Know Him, Trust Him

Obey when COMMANDS

Joy and Joyful:

The Greek word for “rejoice” in 1 Thessalonians 5:16 is chaírete (χαίρετε), which shares its root with the word for “joy,” chara (χαρά). Both terms stem from the root char- (grace or favor), highlighting their deep connection to divine grace. **Joy (chara) is often seen as the inner state of delight resulting from God’s work, while rejoicing (chaírete) is the outward expression of that joy.**

Rejoicing is a command by God



HOW ?

1. Joy is essential and not optional

2. God only commands what is possible, through His grace and not what is impossible

3. His command is because of His love

Rejoicing is a command by God

Israel:

“Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!” **Psalm 149:2**

“Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad” **Psalm 14:7**

“Rejoice in the Lord” **Psalm 97:12**

“Serve the Lord with gladness” **Psalm 100:2**

“Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!” **Psalm 32:11** and many more...

All nations and the natural world to rejoice in their Maker:

“Let the nations be glad and sing for joy” **Psalm 67:4**

“Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice” **Psalm 96:11**

In the New Testament, Christ commands:

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven”

Matthew 5:12

“Leap for joy” Luke 6:23

“Rejoice that your names are written in heaven” Luke 10:20

“Rejoice with me” Luke 15:6,9

Apostle Paul to the churches:

“Rejoice in hope...Rejoice with those who rejoice” **Romans 12:12,15**

“Finally, brothers, rejoice” **2 Corinthians 13:11**

“Rejoice always” **1 Thessalonians 5:16***

“Be glad and rejoice with me” **Philippians 2:18**

“Rejoice in the Lord” **Philippians 3:1**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice” **Philippians 4:4**

"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!" **NLT**

“sorrowful, yet always rejoicing” **2 Corinthians 6:10**

“You shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you” **Deuteronomy 26:11**

Joy in the heart of the creature corresponds to the goodness in the heart of the Creator. Joy is the fitting response in the receiver to the goodness of the Giver. David Mathis



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4. The Joy-command for flourishing:

4.1 Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 5 | Exhortations and Blessings

14 And we exhort you, brothers: warn those who are irresponsible, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all.

16 Rejoice always!

17 Pray constantly.

18 Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Don't stifle the Spirit. 20 Don't despise prophecies, 21 but test all things. Hold on to what is good. 22 Stay away from every kind of evil.

4.3 Practically for us:

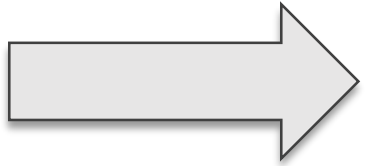
God commands are for our good and for us to flourish:

16 Rejoice always! / *Always be joyful*

17 Pray constantly.

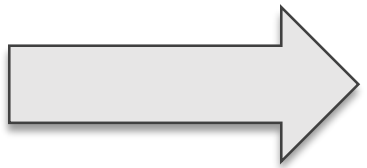
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Live out the command of JOY?



Give thanks, pray always and constantly and rejoice !

God's will



You will be a person of maturity, living in unity with other believers, ready for Jesus' return

LET'S PRAY



ARISE, SHINE

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME