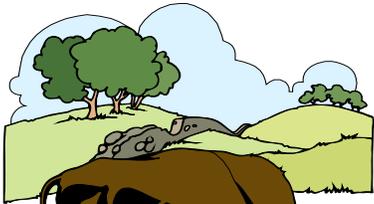


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"He opened for us a new
way, a living way . . ."

Hebrews 10:20

JOY - a verb??

Sometimes I close a letter by saying, "May the JOY of the Lord be your strength." This statement is meaningful to me; hopefully it is to those whom I write. JOY is a proven source of strength. The concept is from Scripture and highly recommended. Well - one's **muscles** may not become stronger, but one's **spirit** certainly does.

Recently I've had occasion to consider JOY as a verb - a word of action - but is there any validity behind the thought? I turned to the Bible; sure enough I found, "... I will JOY in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength..." JOY scriptures especially nurture and nourish me. I once talked with a troubled Christian who had searched through her Bible for verses about sadness, terror, and fear, but she failed to comprehend the accompanying assurances. I recommended that, at this time in her life, she do instead a search about JOY, love, trust and God's promises. Sure enough, those verses were a source of healing to her anxious mind.

James 1:2 reads, "... count it all JOY... when ye fall into divers (many) temptations..." (KJV) "Consider it pure JOY, my brother, whenever you face trials of many kinds ... the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (NIV) Is life a little much lately? Do you feel those you trusted let you down?

Turn that noun into a verb - practice JOY! Psalm 16 closes with David saying to God, "... in Thy Presence is fullness of JOY.." Practice His Presence, practice JOY! "...for the JOY of the Lord is your strength."

Reprinted from Under the Potter's Hands
by Fleeta Robinson



The fruit of the
Spirit
is ...JOY

Galatians 5:22

A word from Chaplain Jim:

I must confess I have not been consistent in my work for you this past winter. One thing and another has been wrong with me so that I did not feel up to working very hard. Every day I doctor myself and every day I seem to get no better. I am certainly reminded of Paul's words in Colossians 1:24-29:

"And now I am happy about my sufferings for you. For by means of my physical sufferings I help complete what still remains of Christ's sufferings on behalf of His body, which is the church, and I have been made a servant of the church of God, who gave me this task to perform for your good. It is the task of fully proclaiming His message, which is the secret He hid through all past ages from all mankind, but has now revealed to His people. God's plan is this: To make known His secret to His people, this rich and glorious secret which He has for all peoples, and the secret is this: Christ is in you, which means that you will share the glory of God. So we preach Christ to all men. We warn and teach everyone, with all possible wisdom in order to bring each one into God's presence as a mature individual in union with Christ. To get this done I toil and struggle using the mighty strength that Christ supplies, which is at work in me."

I believe that this truth still applies and that He will enable me to do the necessary work here. I realize after my 80th birthday, that I will have to change some things and put some limitations on what I can expect of myself. He will just give me more strength where necessary! I would like to use Paul's words again (Colossians 2:6) in closing to admonish you.

"Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with Him. Keep your roots deep in Him, Build your lives on Him, and become ever stronger in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving."

Whatsoever you sow in your secret thought life, that you will reap. Sow love and kindness and you will be rewarded openly. Sow charity and forgiveness, and you will reap in kind. Sow generosity and gratitude, and you shall never feel poor. Sow hope and you shall reap fulfillment. **Sow praise, and you shall reap joy and well-being and a strong faith.**



... Anxiety produces tension, and tension erodes joy; and when joy is gone, victory is lost, faith is weakened, and spontaneity is destroyed. The spirit falls ill. The salt has lost its flavor. Its savor is a saver. **What can I use to preserve My work in your midst if you lose your joy?**

Thoughts on joy from
Come Away My Beloved by Frances J. Roberts

Birds begin to sing as early as 4:00am, while it is still very dark.



Did you know?

It is the adult male (father) birds that teach the young ones to sing!

♪ *Guest Schedule* ♪

~March~

5: *His Way Board Meeting*
10~15: *Missionary Couple*
18~19: *Ladies Group Retreat*

~April~

2~7: *Individual Retreat*
8~9: *Small Group Retreat*
15~16: *Church Group Retreat*



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