



Rejoice that You Belong to Jesus

Scripture: *The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”* Luke 10:17–20

Philippians 4:4; Psalm 16:11

Jesus Is Speaking to You

As you continue walking with Jesus Christ, there will be days when you see Him work in wonderful ways.

You will watch prayers being answered.

You will see hearts softened.

You will witness lives changed.

There will also be days when you see very little.

Understand, some people will receive the invitation that Jesus Christ offers.

Others will walk away.

Some days will encourage you.

Others may leave you wondering if anything is happening at all.

In every season, remember this:

Your greatest joy is not found in what you accomplish for Christ.

Your greatest joy is found in belonging to Him.

Nothing can take that away.

What Is Jesus Teaching You?

When Jesus’ disciples returned with excitement because they had seen His power at work, Jesus rejoiced with them. However, He lovingly directed their hearts to something even greater. He reminded them that their greatest reason for rejoicing was not what they had done. It was that they belonged to His Father's kingdom.

Now, don’t miss this.

Ministry will have seasons of visible fruit and seasons of quiet faithfulness.

Do not let either one determine your joy. Let your joy rest securely in Jesus.



When your heart finds its satisfaction in His love, you are free to serve without striving, to love without seeking recognition, and to remain faithful whether many notice or no one notices at all.

As Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, serving Him becomes an expression of joy—not an attempt to earn My love or prove your worth.

A Lie You May Be Believing

Maybe you've believed that your value depends on how much you accomplish for Him. Or maybe you have quietly measured your faithfulness by visible results.

However, listen carefully.

Jesus loved you before you ever served Him.

Jesus called you before you ever accomplished anything for Him.

You are His disciple because of His grace, not because of your performance.

Don't miss this.

Never confuse the gift of serving Jesus with the gift of belonging to Him.

The second will always be greater than the first.

What Difference Does This Make?

When your joy is rooted in Christ instead of your results, you become steady.

Success no longer fills you with pride.

Difficulty no longer fills you with despair.

You remain thankful when doors open.

You remain faithful when they close.

You celebrate what Jesus does through others just as readily as what He does through you.

Your heart finds peace because it has learned that His presence is a greater treasure than any ministry opportunity.

As Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, gratitude becomes the song of your heart because you know the greatest gift you have ever received is Jesus Himself.

How Should This Shape the Way You Live?

As you begin today, don't ask, "What can I accomplish?"

First ask, "Jesus, how can I enjoy walking with You today?"

Serve with joy.

Love without keeping score.



Pray without demanding immediate results.
Trust that Jesus is working even when you cannot see it.

Remain close to Jesus.
Your joy will always be safest in His presence.

A Prayer

Father, thank You for the immeasurable gift of Your Son.
Thank You that my greatest identity is not found in what I do, but in belonging to Jesus Christ.

Guard my heart from pride when ministry bears visible fruit.
Guard my heart from discouragement when I cannot yet see what You are doing.

Teach me to rejoice in Your presence, to delight in Your grace, and to faithfully walk with Jesus all the days of my life. May my joy always be rooted in Him alone.
In His precious name, Amen.

An Invitation

Before you continue with your day, spend some time with the Lord.
Read today's Scriptures slowly.
Then quietly ask,

"Jesus, have I been finding my joy in serving You, or in simply belonging to You?"

Wait before Him.
Let Him search your heart with gentleness.

Thank Him—not first for what He has done through you, but for what He has done for you.
Thank Him for His cross.
Thank Him for His mercy.
Thank Him that He has called you His own.

Remain close to Jesus.
As you continue abiding in Him, you will discover that the deepest joy of every disciple is not the privilege of being used by the Savior. It is the privilege of belonging to the Savior.

And as Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, your heart will rejoice with quiet confidence, knowing that whether your service is seen or unseen, your life is safely held in the hands of the One who will never let you go—Jesus Christ.