

Rebuilding Our Joy

*“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.”
James 1:2, English Standard Version*

Jeremiah 8:18 – When _____ come, can we have _____?

When Sore Trials Come Upon God’s People

- A. Jeremiah 8:18-22 – As the prophet saw the problems that _____ would bring, his joy was _____.
- B. Heavy emotions from the time of exile:
 - 1. Lamentations 5:15 – Their joy had _____.
 - 2. Psalm 137:1-4 – How could they _____ the Lord’s song in a _____ land?
 - 3. Psalm 42:1-6 – Their souls were _____, but it was a time to _____ in the Lord.
- C. Isaiah 30:29 – God promised they would have a _____ to _____. They could count on that!

How Christians Can Rebuild Their Joy

- A. Nehemiah 8:10 – The _____ of the Lord was their _____. Is that still true today?
- B. How to recover the joy of the Lord in our lives:
 - 1. Hebrews 6:10,11 – We must look _____ to see God’s _____ faithfulness. He won’t _____ us.
 - 2. Hebrews 11:9-10,16 – We must look _____ to our eternal _____. It’s worth waiting for!
 - 3. Hebrews 10:24,25 – We must look _____ to others who are _____ with us. Joy is more likely when we join in the _____.
 - 4. James 1:2-4 – We must look _____ to see the potential _____ of trials.
- C. A mother in _____ can still have joy if she thinks of the precious _____ about to be _____.

Romans 15:13 – God can _____ us with _____ and peace – if we _____.

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