

What's So Bad About
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1 Cor. 10:6-10

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Numbers 11:1

Easy to get into a
complaining spirit!

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God is the God of joy.

- He rejoices and wants us to rejoice too.
- Deut 30:9 – His desire: To rejoice over His chosen people.
- Exo. 2 – The joy of blessing His people.

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Neh. 8 – Law and Joy

Zeph. 3:17 – God and His People

Psalms – Rejoice (60); Joy (20)

1 Pet. 1:3-6a – “In this you rejoice”

1 Thes. 5:16 – “Rejoice always”

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Complaining Kills Joy!

Emphasizes physical over spiritual.

- 1 Pet. 1: 6b – Rejoice in spiritual even in trial
- Jas. 1:2-3 – Joy when trial comes
- Phil. 1:12-14, 18 – Rejoice in shackles
- Rev. 2:8-10 – Be faithful unto death

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How to rejoice through physical trial:

- 1 Pet. 1 – Keep mind on mercy, hope, heaven
- Jas. 1 – Keep mind on strengthening of faith
- Phil. 1 – Keep mind on service in kingdom
- Rev. 2 – Keep mind on crown of life

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How long has it been since your life was filled with the joy of the Lord?

See past the physical, emphasize God's wonderful spiritual blessings!

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Remember:

- Physical life is the wilderness, not the Promised Land. Phil. 3:13-14.
- God can do great things with your problems. 2 Cor. 12:7-10.
- In the eternal Promised Land, all physical trial is gone. Rev. 7:15-17; 21:4.

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Heb. 12:1-2

The Example of Jesus

“Who for the joy set before Him”