



Message Title: Joy in the Crucible

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Key Scriptures: Nehemiah 8:10, Romans 8:28, Romans 12:12

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Nehemiah 8:10 *“And Nehemiah continued, ‘Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!’”*

Romans 8:28 *“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them”*

Romans 12:12 *“Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.”*

Read the scriptures out loud.

Opening Questions:

- What are you celebrating in your life this week? (What are you thankful for?)
- What's challenging you this week? (What do you need prayer for?)

Discussion Questions:

- Can you think of a crucible event that has helped shape the person you are today?
- What difficulties are you facing that make your life seem not-so-wonderful?
- How can the joy of the Lord help through your current situation?

Prayer: *Take time to pray for one another. Pray that we learn to surrender to God so we can win the fight. May we experience God’s blessing and mercy as we find our complete value in Him.*