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New Series: Encouragement For The Soul

<u>Hebrews 3:13</u> "But <u>encourage one another daily</u>... so that <u>none</u> of you may be <u>hardened</u> by the <u>deceitfulness</u> of sin."

<u>Matthew 7:24</u> "Therefore everyone who <u>hears</u> these words of <u>Mine</u> and puts them into <u>practice</u> is like a <u>wise man</u> who <u>built his house upon a rock</u>."

**David's Example:** 1 Samuel 30:4, 6 "David and the people with him... wept until they had no more strength to weep. And David was greatly distressed for the people spoke of stoning him... But David encouraged himself in the Lord His God."

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## #1. Delight In God.

<u>Psalm 37:4</u> " <u>Delight yourself</u> in the <u>Lord</u> and He will give you the <u>desires</u> of your <u>heart</u> ."
Hebrews 10:7 "Then I said, "Here I am I have come to do Your will, O God."
⇒ A Passion
⇒ A <u>Daily</u> Passion
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Matthew 6:21 "Wherever your <u>treasure</u> is, there the <u>desires</u> of your heart also will be."
David Near the End: 2 Samuel 22:20 " He rescued me, because He delighted in me."
Psalm 27:4 "One thing I ask of the Lord to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord"
#2. Delight In God's Word.
Romans 15:4 "For whatever was written… that thru <u>endurance</u> and thru the <u>encouragement</u> of the Scriptures we might have <u>hope</u> ."
<u>Psalm 119:16, 24</u> "I will <u>delight</u> in Your <u>statutes</u> Your testimonies are <u>my delight</u> ."
Psalm 119:47 " for I find my delight in Your commandments, which I love."
Psalm 119:60 "I hasten and <u>do not delay</u> to keep Your commandments."
Daniel's Delight: Daniel 1:8 "But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the King's food."
#3. How To Get Your Joy Back.
• You Lost It—Psalm 51:12 "Restore to me the joy of your salvation."
Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is <u>your strength</u> ."
* The Joy God

## \* The Joy Which God Possesses

<u>John 15:7</u> "If you remain in Me and <u>My words remain</u> in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you."

John 15:11 "I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be full."