

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."





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But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...



Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?



You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.



Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,



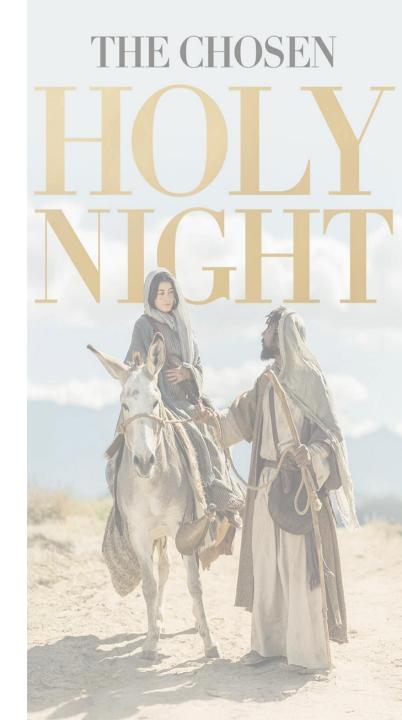
We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy,



We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.



Joy gives me the ability to look beyond my current circumstances and see hope because of God's presence in my life.



Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now,

you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

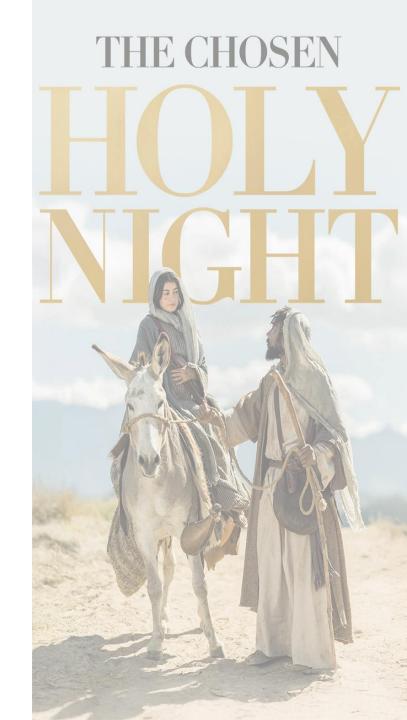


For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



Jesus didn't show up to condemn you.

He came to save you!





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Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again:

Rejoice!



"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.



I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



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Don't let this world suck the joy out of your life

Just because we can experience joy in our life, it doesn't mean that we always do.

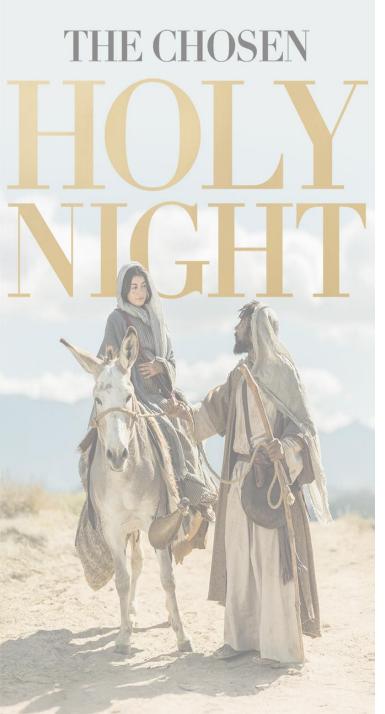


Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."



You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.





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Americans' Satisfaction With Personal Life Near Record Low

In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your personal life at this time? Are you very [satisfied/dissatisfied], or just somewhat [satisfied/dissatisfied]?



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