

The Rock House Church
May 14, 2017
Today GOD IS MY Focal Point
TO LOVE HIM—Love Others
TO “JOY” IN HIM—Joy Affecting Others

TODAY'S VERSE: Nehemiah 8: 10 “Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 *Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

TODAY'S QUESTION: 1: Why does God set up “boundaries or laws” for us to follow?

2: Is JOY an option for us? Is it a “LAW”?

3: Where does JOY fit into my salvation experience?

HEBREWS 12: *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the “JOY” set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Who can show us real JOY? David said in Psalm 4:7 “*Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. You have filled my heart with greater JOY than when their grain and new wine abound.* Real goodness and JOY has only one source. It comes from the Lord, the God of LOVE, Who is JOY---when He lifts up the Light of His Face upon us, that light, His Resurrection Power LIGHT dispels our darkness, our anxieties, our worries, our fears. We are filled with His JOY!! Galatians 5:22 “Fruit of Spirit is LOVE JOY, PEACE---

4: How? How does this happen and when?---I want this JOY.

TODAY'S THOUGHT: **1 Samuel 17** “David and Goliath”

1: Saul's Reaction: verse 11,23,24 “*When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.” As he was talking with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine from Gath named Goliath, was coming up from the army of the Philistines, and he spoke these same words; and David heard them. When all the men of Israel saw the man, they fled from him and were greatly afraid.*

2: David's Reaction: verse 26, *Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?”*

3: Reaction results: 45,46 “*You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you.*

4: David's Reaction results: **1: DECLARE “The battle is the LORD's;”** **2: ACTION** David ran quickly toward; **3: OBEDIENCE** Put his hand into his bag; **4: POWER** Took from it a stone; **5: FAITH** slung it
5: Reaction: How about you? What is your Goliath today? Or how are you approaching your problems you are facing? Do you have 5 stones?

1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-18 **1)** Rejoice always; **2)** Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **3)** Pray without ceasing; **4)** Encourage and help; **5)** Be patient, seek good for all people

TODAY'S GIFT: *"I Am is calling to you, come over here with Me so I can show you the TRUTH about your life. It's oaky! Trust in your God will act like a ladder out of the pit of despair into My Light. Fear inspires failure because fear is sin against My Love. Do you believe, "MY Love for you is perfect? And if it is perfect you have nothing to fear---right?" No matter what you are facing today---put them all into My Hand---say "All is good because my God is good." The light of My presence is in your path---trust Me and go forward unafraid."* **(Daniel 3:17, Psalm 56:11)(Psalm 31:14 "But as for me, I trust in You, I say, "You are my God.")**

TODAY'S Quote: Corrie ten Boom: "It is not my responsibility in what form God answers my questions for guidance. That, is quite safe in His hands. The only thing that I know is that God is light, and not darkness. Those who trust Him, He does not leave in darkness. He is a very, very good shepherd."

LIFE POWER by VBOJR 5/11/17

Jesus has the only Power to live;
Come and ask His Power to give;
His Power breaks every sin hold;
His Love Power for you to be bold;
Truth: Jesus Power is the only way.
Experience His Life Power this very day;

TODAY'S SONG WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME by : BROOKE LIGERTWOOD, BEN FIELDING

1) You were the Word at the beginning; One With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation; Now revealed in You our Christ
What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is; Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King

2) You didn't want heaven without us; So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater; What could separate us now?
What a wonderful Name it is; What a wonderful Name it is; The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is; Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is; The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is; The Name of Jesus

3) Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You; You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory; For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal; Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory; Yours is the Name, above all names
What a powerful Name it is; What a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is; Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus

GRAHAM COOKE: ON OBSTACLES---"Given the right mindset, everything that occurs to us in life today is an opportunity to enjoy God's Loving Provision and His Faithfulness." **(MY JOY is YOURS)**

TODAY'S CALL: Taken from article by James Goll: **"WATCHMAN"** The Greek word for watch is grégoreó, which means to be awake or vigilant. Dictionaries bring us a variety of definitions, including "keeping awake in order to guard," "a close observation," "to be on the alert," and "to be alert."

TODAY'S READING: SPURGEON (Victor) — [1 John 4:13](#) *"We dwell in Him."*

Do you want a house for your soul? Do you ask, "What is the purchase price?" It is nothing less than proud human that feels like it has to pay—do something for it—but it is without money and without price.

Okay then, you think or say, I would like to pay a respectable rent! You would love to do something to win Christ? Then you cannot have the house, for it is "without price."

"Will you take my Master's house on a lease for all eternity, with nothing to pay for it, nothing but the ground-rent of loving and serving Him forever? Will you take Jesus and "dwell in Him?"

See, this house is furnished with all you want and it is filled with riches more than you will spend as long as you live. Here you can have intimate communion with Christ and feast on His love; here there are tables all prepared with food for you to live on forever! In it, when weary, you can find rest with Jesus; and from it you can look out and see heaven itself. Will you have the house?

Ah! if your soul is houseless, you will say, "I sure would like to have the house; but may I have it?"

Yes you may. Here is the key—the key is, "Come to Jesus."

"But," you say, "I am too shabby, I am not worthy for such a house." Never mind; there are garments inside. If you feel guilty and condemned, come; and though the house is too good for you, Christ will make you good enough for the house by-and-by. He will wash you, cloth you and cleanse you, and you will yet be able to sing, "I dwell in Him."

Believer, rejoice that you have such a dwelling-place! Be Thankful for you are greatly privileged for you have a "strong habitation" in which you are ever safe—"dwelling in Him," you have, not only a perfect and secure house, but an *everlasting* one.

When this world shall have melted like a dream, our house shall live, and stand more imperishable than marble, more solid than granite, self-existent as God, for it is God Himself—"We dwell in Him."

SPURGEON (Victor)

Psalm 30:5 *"Weeping may endure for a night, but (MY) 'JOY' comes in the morning."*

Christian! If thou art in a night of trial, think of your tomorrow; then cheer up thy heart with the thought of the coming of thy Lord. Be patient, for "Lo! He comes with clouds descending."

Be patient! The Farmer waits until He reaps His harvest. Be patient; for you know who has said, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be."

Wait a little longer.

Our trials will then seem light and momentary afflictions. Let us go on boldly; if the night be never so dark, the morning is coming, which is more than they can say who are shut up in the darkness of hell. Do you know what it is or how to live on the future—to live on expectation—to now live in heaven?

Happy is the believer, to have so sure, so comforting a hope. It may be all dark now, but it will soon be light; it may be all trial now, but it will soon be all happiness. What matters is the truth "weeping may endure for a night," But—Truth is "My JOY comes in the morning?"

TODAY'S PRAYER: *"Jesus, You are my real 'JOY'!! Because of Your Love to me---I will never---never be the same.*

What I was---was just a lost sinner!

Then You found me Jesus; You have saved me, and cleansed me. You have set me free from my destiny of death. You have breathed New Life into my every situation.

When I am about to give up on me---You press into me New Breathe, New vision, New eyes to see, New ears to hear---to hear Your voice calling my name!! Wow; WOW!!! Your LOVE floods my heart!! My heart explodes with "JOY"!! Who am I that You should care---but You do!!---and I am overwhelmed with thanksgiving! My face can't help but show what is going on inside of me. My action can't help but what is RIGHT!! They reflect Your real work in me. I Love You Jesus---today be seen in me---Jesus---Amen

LIFE and BLACK CLOUDS by VBOJR 5/9/17

There was a way that seemed all right;

But as soon as I made my choice—

Black clouds blocked my life's clear sight.

The easy way isn't always the right way to go

Black clouds don't dampen my choice---

Life isn't always easy nor does it always flow.

My way of life is now in full flight,

Black clouds rain on my choice—

The winds of life help to fly my kite.

Jesus said to me, "I will Light your way"

Black clouds of despair; my choice—

Keep's me away and so easy to stray.

His Voice behind me, calls me to turn here

And as soon as I make this choice—

Black clouds remain but now, I have no fear.

This is the way I have for you to walk today

Black clouds can't block this choice—

Life isn't easy but He gives me grace to stay.

There is a way that seems is right to walk

Life's black clouds can't stop His choice—

He paid the price so I could live and talk

My life now changed; His Light to pursue

But as soon as I make my choice—

Black clouds of life, His gift to me; He subdues.

God is Love; He uses what seems to be right

Black clouds can't stop our choice—

His eternal purpose for life comes into clear sight.

TODAY'S HUMOR:

1: You should be able to park in an "expecting mother" parking space if you're waiting for your mom-right?

2: My kids love going to the Web, and they keep track of their passwords by writing them on Post-it notes. I noticed their Disney password was "MickeyMinnieGoofyPluto," and so I asked why it was so long. "Because," my son explained, "they say it has to have at least four characters."

3: To prepare for my daughter's First Communion, I called the church in the town where we used to live to get a copy of her baptismal certificate. We lived there for only a short while, so I didn't know the priest there well.

When the secretary asked me the name of the father, I told her that I couldn't remember.

After a brief silence, she chuckled and said, "Ma'am, I'm talking about the name of the baby's father."

AGAIN TODAY

"Listen to no man who fails to listen to God."...

No man has any right to offer advice who has not first heard God speak. No man has any right to counsel others who is not ready to hear and follow the counsel of the Lord. True moral wisdom must always be an echo of God's voice. The only safe light for our path is the light which is reflected from Christ, the Light of the World....FOLLOW THE LIGHT.