Joy/Full: Restored Joy

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Psalm 51:1-12

I Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. 5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. 6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

I. TRUE JOY HAS A SOURCE

Luke 2:10-12

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, <u>joy</u>, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control...

Hebrews 12:2

<u>Let us fix our eyes on Jesus</u>, the author and perfecter of our faith, who <u>for the joy set before him endured the cross</u>, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2. SIN <u>STEALS</u> OUR JOY

Psalm 51:3, 11

3 For I know <u>my transgressions</u>, and <u>my sin is always before me</u>.

II <u>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit</u>
from me.

John 10:10

[Jesus said] "The thief comes only to <u>steal</u> and <u>kill</u> and <u>destroy</u>..."

<u>1 Peter 5:8</u>

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

3. <u>REPENTANCE</u> & <u>TRUST</u> IN CHRIST <u>RESTORES</u> JOY

John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; <u>I have come</u> that they may have life, and have it to the full."

1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith...

Psalm 51:2, 10-12

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