

JOY

when all falls apart

JOY vs. HAPPINESS

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Galatians 5:22

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Jesus, in John 15:5, 11

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Holy hunger
Overflowing generosity
Contagious Joy

2. Joy is _____ in the midst of _____.

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James 1:2-4

“We glory in our sufferings, because we know that **suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.** And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Romans 5:3-5

3. Joy is _____ for _____ received.

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