

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Hanging on to Joy John 15:10-11

*"If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed 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."
(John 15:10-11)*

- Jesus is the source of joy.
- Joy is the byproduct of obedience.

Let's hang on to some of these truths regarding joy:

1) Joy is a fruit of the Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal. 5:22-23)

2) I don't have to lose my joy because of circumstances.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds...." (James 1:2)

3) Joy involves my making a personal decision.

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." (John 16:24)

4) I have a command to rejoice.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4)

How much joy do you have these days? Are you hanging on to the words of Christ? Why not make that commitment today and start experiencing His joy firsthand!?

"To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy...." (Jude 1:24)