

Victory Connect Lesson
Explosion of Joy
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Key Passage: Hebrews 12:27-28 NKJV - Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving **a kingdom which cannot be shaken**, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Introduction: This is the hour to press into everything God has for us. How we deal with the open door placed before us depends on how much of the Kingdom we are going to experience. One of the keys that unlocks that door to the Kingdom is **JOY**. Joy is a spiritual force!

What is the Kingdom:

1. The Rule and Reign of God.

A King dominant who has loyal subjects and he gives him the benefits of his Kingdom.

2. Location and the Resources of God - Ephesians 1:2-3

Everything you need is in the Kingdom, put there by Grace for you to access by Faith.

3. King-Dom- There are principles in the Kingdom that when we begin to live by them, the King becomes dominant in and through our lives.

4. Colonization- Colonization involves a nation or group asserting authority and dominance over another territory. We are to colonize planet earth.

5. Romans 4:17: for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit.

What is Joy? Joy is this feeling that God is working everything together for my good. It's the exhilaration of the spirit. Joy is a spiritual force.

Hebrews 12:1-2: ...For the joy set before him, he endured the cross.

Nehemiah 8:10- No joy-no strength

Psalms 16:11- In his presence is fullness of joy

Psalms 30:5-Joy comes in the morning

No matter what is going on in your life right now, Joy IS on the way!!

Discussion Questions:

1. How does biblical joy differ from happiness?
2. How does the joy of the Lord sustain us in the midst of turmoil?
3. How does joy in the midst of your testing develop perseverance?

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