





Joy Comes When You Focus On The OUTCOME Not The ADVERSITY

• Vs 12: Advance: to move forward; or to cut forward; advance

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything... Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

James 1:2-4; 12



Joy Comes When You Focus On Encouragement To Others Not Limitations To Yourself

• Self: Because of my chains

Isaiah 12:2 "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD is my strength and my song.

• Others: Others have been encouraged to speak w/courage Philippians 2:19-22

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Joy Comes When You Focus On The Gospel, Not The Bad Motives Of Others

Caiaphas in NT: John 11:49-51

Today: Those who misuse the gospel



Joy Comes When You Focus Spiritual Support Not Physical Challenges

Challenges:

Limitations of being in prison

Spiritual Support:

~Your prayers (Philippians)
~Help given by Spirit of Jesus



Today's Challenge

What Are YOU Focused On Today?

- ~Outcome or Adversity
- ~Encouragement or Limitations
- ~Gospel of Bad Motives
- ~Spiritual Support or Physical Challenges

Do you have the Spirit of Christ living in your heart as the primary spiritual support you need?

