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"Will it be ... the PURSUIT of HAPPINESS or the CHOICE for JOY?"

Part 3 # MyRevival

James 1:2-4, 12 – Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

John 15:11 – "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

1st Remember: "<u>HAPPINESS</u> is External, but <u>JOY</u> is Internal"

Luke 10:38-42 – As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

^{2nd} "HAPPINESS is <u>BLISS</u>, JOY is <u>SELFLESS</u>"

3rd "HAPPINESS is <u>PLEASURE</u>, JOY is <u>SACRIFICE</u>"

Hebrews 12:1-2 – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

JOY WONDERFUL JOY:

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Your Sins He'll Wash Away Your Nights He'll Turn To Day Your Life He'll Make Over Anew

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