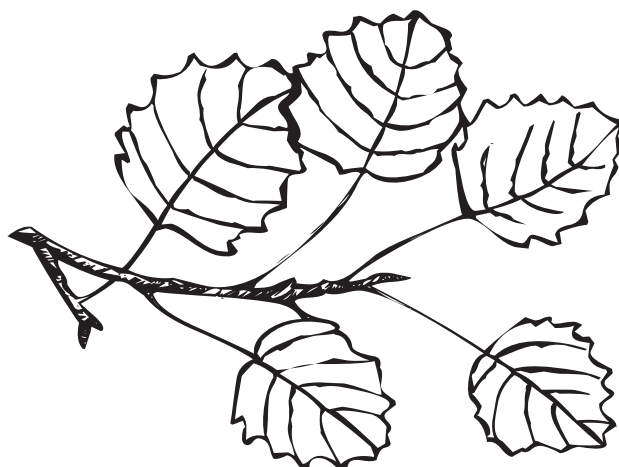


His Joy

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1. Luke 2:13-14
2. Matthew 2:9-11
3. Matthew 5:11-12
4. Psalm 5:11-12
5. Isaiah 12:3-4
6. John 16:32-33
7. James 1:2-4
8. Psalm 95:1-3
9. Psalm 30:4-5
10. Isaiah 61:10-11
11. Matthew 9:2,8
12. Hebrews 12:1-2
13. Psalm 16:9-11
14. Matthew 13:44
15. Isaiah 51:3
16. Romans 15:13
17. 1 Peter 1:8-9
18. Isaiah 65:17-18
19. Revelation 19:7-8
20. Luke 15:3-7
21. Luke 15:8-10
22. Matthew 25:21-23
23. Acts 2:44-46
24. John 15:9-11
25. Acts 16:23-25
26. Acts 5:41-42
27. John 17:12-13
28. Philippians 2:1-4
29. Isaiah 61:1-3
30. Psalm 92:1-4
31. Romans 5:10-11

The New Testament begins with a multitude of angels singing at the birth of Jesus. It ends with the annihilation of pain and sorrow. We may sometimes think of Jesus as a man of sorrows, but he described himself and his disciples as a bridal party exempt from fasting! He displayed what sooner or later we all discover, that those who are doing the most for others are in fact the happiest people. Jesus found joy in his hope for the future, the knowledge that he was doing what was God's will for him, and that he was doing a great service for mankind. Jesus saw a magnificent outcome out of what appeared to be meager beginnings. He was certain of the ultimate victory of right over wrong. In this way I think we can see a connection between joy and courage. Dwelling on how much you gain from sacrifice and giving instead of what you give up helps us not only to be joyful, but also to have courage. No one ever has found real joy in a selfish life or by doing wrong. Be of good cheer!

1. Pray. Help me to store up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.
2. Read through slowly a couple times.
3. Write out by hand.
4. Highlight what the passage is saying about joy.
5. What can I do to add joy to my life today?