

Rejoice Anyway

“And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ (Messiah),’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows (birth pangs).” (Matthew 24:4-8)

1. We know what will happen to the world.
 - a. Rejoice for I have overcome the world.
 - b. Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.
 - c. He will come back with tens of thousands of saints.
2. Know, trust, and stand on the Word of God.
3. Birth pangs on earth and in the Church (Romans 8).
 - a. A woman looks at birth pangs and rejoices for the upcoming joy of having a child.
 - b. Say two things: if God is for me, who or what can be against me?
4. I reckon the sufferings of this world cannot be compared to the glory that will be revealed.

Joy Is A Choice

Count it all joy when you fall into trials (James 1:2).

1. See God’s promises instead of the problems.
2. Look at the things not seen, not the things seen.

I have learned to be content. I know how to be abased. I know how to abound. I am instructed, I can do all things (Philippians 4:11).

1. Contentment is not a feeling.
2. Contentment is learned.

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me (Matthew 11:29).

1. If you continue in My Word, you will be free.
2. They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine.
3. Stammering lips & another tongue He will speak to this people... here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept.
4. Stability comes from continuing in God’s Word (Isaiah 33:6).