

Joy Will Come

We all have times when it seems that our weeping will not stop. Although, we may not let anyone see those tears, they are there. These are silent tears of disappointments, unfulfilled dreams, or hope deferred because of loss after loss, mistake after mistake, or just poor decisions. Somehow, we manage to keep on going when we are knocked down, kicked around, and talked about for what we have done. Out of pure gut strength we keep going when it seems that nothing good is happening in our life, and we wonder where God is. But my friend, please know that God sees all and knows all. You simply cannot go through a single thing without God knowing it and walking with you through it because Jesus said, "...I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20)." Yet still, you may ask, "Where are you God?" And even if you have learned to hide your emotions, the deep cry of your heart is being heard by God, and He still wants you to cry out in prayer.

You may reason, "Why? When God already knows where I am?" But God wants to talk with you. He wants to heal you. So He comes tugging at your heart to talk to you about the matters of your heart. Sometimes you may not know what to say because you have covered it up with reasoning. You may think that He doesn't want to talk to you, you feel ashamed, or a host of other reasons. But honestly, God wants you to tell Him about your disappointments, mistakes, losses, or poor decisions. As you begin to talk, you may feel emotional pain of past hurts and it's possible that tears may come gushing out like a flood. But if you want to stop the pain of the silent tears and be free to experience a new life in Christ, getting rid of the old hidden stuff is necessary. Talk to Him even if you feel like Psalm 31:12, "*I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.*" Talk to Him even if you feel unworthy to talk to him, because Psalm 34:18 says, "*The LORD is near to those who are discouraged; he saves those who have lost all hope,*" so He's already there waiting on you. Go ahead and cry out because God hears you and He will answer.

You see, God is not offended by your cries, nor is He offended if you tell Him that you are disappointed, hurt, ashamed, full of unforgiveness, or anything else you want to say. You cannot make God think anything different of you by telling Him what you feel. He already knows how you feel – He is just waiting for you to come to Him and acknowledge it. Cry out if you have to, scream out if you have to (keeping your respect to God of course) but express your heart-felt cries. You can rest assured that joy will come in the morning because God promises to hear and answer your cries. Psalm 30:5 says, "...weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." So I ask you, "If there is no weeping in the night, can there be joy in the morning?" So today, my prayer is that you learn to lean on His strong and mighty arm and be comforted. Rest in knowing that God knows all about you and still loves you, no matter what! And He has this huge unconditional love and joy reserved just for you.

Dear Jesus,
Help these that have a broken heart to trust You enough to cry out for your healing. I know You are always there and listening, but I want them to know it. You hear their cries and my heart longs to see their sadness turned to joy. Jesus, I know that You want them to live a life of fulfillment that You planned for them, even before they were born. Now help them to know You and the promises that You have purposed, just for them. May they truly believe in You and fully know that You are the risen Savior that can do all things – and that nothing is impossible with You.

I pray that they will not be afraid to cry out to you from the depths of their heart. As they do, let them feel your love washing over them like fresh waters. Pour upon them your grace and mix it with your pure love. Although they have had more than their fair share of pains, losses, and troubles, may they truly believe that their weeping can be turned into joy. Let the joy of their morning come quickly and overtake them. May they see that your joy is ready to fall from heaven to touch their heart and dry their tears. Surely, surely, you will turn their weeping into joy! Amen!

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