

SADNESS INTO JOY

ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

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HOW CAN WE TURN SADNESS (_____) INTO JOY?

Two _____

Lie - The trap of the enemy.

Longing - The desire inside.

Light - The truth of the Gospel

2 Corinthians 11:23b I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. **24** Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. **26** I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from

robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. **27** I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. **28** Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches. *(NLT)*

Hard Times _____

2 Corinthians 12:6 If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, **7** even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. **8** Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. **9** Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. **10** That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. *(NLT)*

Psalms 30:11 You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, **12** that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever! *(NLT)*

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James 1:3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. **4** So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. **5** If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. **6** But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. **7** Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. **9** Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. **10** And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. **11** The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements. **12** God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. *(NLT)*

Hard Times _____

2 Corinthians 1:3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. *(NLT)*

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John 16:20 I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. **21** It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. **22** So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy. **23** At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. **24** You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy. *(NLT)*

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James 1:2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. *(NLT)*

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Ephesians 5:18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, **19** singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. **20** And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(NLT)*

Psalms 95:2 Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him. *(NLT)*

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Colossians 3:16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. *(NLT)*

1 Corinthians 14:26 Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you. *(NLT)*

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Psalms 69:30 Then I will praise God's name with singing, and I will honor him with thanksgiving. *(NLT)*

Psalms 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. *(NLT)*

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