



*the way in is the way on
the power of joy*

Hebrews 12:1-2

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Luke 10:17-21

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” ¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” ²¹ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

Matthew 17:1-8

17 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking,

Matthew 17:1-8 cont

behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” ⁶ And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” ⁸ When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Exodus 33:19

¹⁹ Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you.

Charlie's Text:

I'm pretty sure I haven't relapsed and so I have no idea how to explain this. I don't know how or why now, but I just woke up, its' 3 in the morning, and I'm in a complete state of... Well I'm not really sure. Let's call it a complete state of love, joy and peace?????!!!!

Romans 14:17

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Joy is the power that overcomes
the lie that God is not good.**

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The Way In (Invitation)

Spend some time this week reflecting back on your life. Are you *motivated by joy or by avoiding pain*? Do you know deep in your heart that God is good? Have you experienced the righteousness, peace and joy that comes from being in the Kingdom of God and connected to Jesus? In Hebrews 11:6 we are told that those who want to draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. **Draw near to God this week and ask him for what you need to believe He is good.**