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Part 8 Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God

Challenge #9 Always Rejoice

This is part of a yearly series "Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God". There are 26 challenges for 1 year. You concentrate on 1 thing for 1 week (every other week) and see what happens.

Always rejoice. This is not talking about rejoicing for every situation in your life. That wouldn't make sense. There are a lot of things that happen in our lives that we do not enjoy and would not rejoice in.

But we can always rejoice about the saving grace of Jesus. And always having the Holy Spirit. That we can always celebrate in and be joyful about, no matter what is going on in our lives.

For the next week, challenge yourself to rejoice throughout the week. If you cannot rejoice about what God is currently doing in your life, rejoice for the saving grace of Jesus. Rejoice that God is always with us. Heartfully celebrate all week.

So always rejoice for one week and see what happens. See how it brings you closer to God.

Here are some Bible verses to motivate you.

<u>1 Thessalonians 5:15-18</u> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. **Rejoice always**, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

<u>Psalms 118:24</u> The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

<u>Philippians 4:4</u> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

<u>1 Peter 1:8–9</u> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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