

♦ If You THINK You Can ♦

God Looks at the Heart - 1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV)

Mindset Matters - Romans 8:5–6 (KJV)

As a Man Thinketh - Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) ... As he thinketh in his heart, so is he...

- How you see yourself leaks into how you treat others.
- People respond to what you project.

The Misunderstood Gospel - Suffering Savior / Suffering Church.

Myth vs. Truth: Suffering, Sickness, & God's Will

Myth #1: God wants me sick.

Truth: Jesus healed all who came (Acts 10:38; Matt 8:16).

Myth #2: God is testing me with poverty.

Truth: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." (Ps 23:1).

Myth #3: Job proves God wants His people to suffer.

Truth: Job's story ends with double blessing (Job 42:10).

Myth #4: Hardship = holiness.

Truth: Holiness is life in Christ, not misery (John 10:10).

Myth #5: Suffering for Christ = living in misery.

Truth: NT suffering is persecution for His name (2 Tim 3:12; John 16:33).

👉 Bottom Line: God may use trials, but He doesn't delight in sickness or poverty. Jesus' ministry is the model: preach/teach, heal, feed, forgive, restore.

We are to Model His Model

Rejoice Always - Philippians 4:4–7 (KJV)

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice...
and the peace of God... shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Call to Action: Living Out Joy

1. End your day with thanksgiving.
 - Repent, thank Him, and ask for Kingdom dreams.
2. Start your day with gratitude.
 - Thank Him for your work, your gifts, and the chance to represent His Kingdom.
3. Smile on purpose.
 - Shift your spirit and the room around you.
4. Speak life out loud.
 - Replace self-doubt with Philippians 4:13. Guard your self-talk.
5. Carry joy into every room.
 - Decide: “When I walk in, I bring light.”

Call to Prayer: Aligning with Joy

- Perspective:
 - “Lord, help me see myself as You see me — loved, valuable, called to shine.”
- Strength:
 - “Holy Spirit, when I’m tempted to complain or doubt, remind me to rejoice.”
- Overflow:
 - “Father, fill me with joy that overflows to others,
so they want to know Jesus.”