

TURNING REGURGITATING JEER INTO REAL JOY
SERMON OUTLINE, JOHN 16:17-33
Sermon Series: The Gospel of John
Sunday, November 23, 2025
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- + Galatians 4:15, "You were very happy then, but where is that joy now?" (NCV).
- + Acts 16:25, "Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening" (NLT).
- + John 16:17-18, "Some of the disciples asked each other, 'What does He mean when He says, 'In a little while you won't see Me, but then you will see Me,' and 'I am going to the Father'? ¹⁸And what does He mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand" (NLT).
- + John 16:19-20, "Jesus realized they wanted to ask Him about it, so He said, 'Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won't see Me, but a little while after that you will see Me again. ²⁰I 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" (NLT). .

How Do We Have Real Joy?

1. We have to understand God's _____. (John 16:17-22).

What Does This Look Like In The Life Of The Believer?

- (a) _____ (John 16:17).

- There's a very important principle of Bible study here that Jesus teaches us in His life with the disciples. To build your faith in a time of confusion, ask Jesus the questions _____.

- (b) _____ from _____ (John 16:20).

- (c) Through _____ and _____ (John 16:20b-21).

- + Psalms 30:5b, "Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (NLT).
- + Philippians 3:10-11, "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead" (NASB).
- The Biblical principle is this: Joy comes through _____ and not _____.

Two Truths Jesus Teaches Us About Joy In John 16:22

- (a) If it can be _____, it is not real joy.
(b) True joy grows out of Christ's _____.

2. I have to practice genuine _____ (John 16:23-32).

- You'll never have joy producing prayer until you understand one thing: You have _____ to God the Father.
- The biblical word to describe verse 28 is _____.

3. Accept God's _____ (John 16:33).

Three Biblical Truths About Peace

- (a) Jesus is not talking about the kind of peace that is _____ of trouble.
(b) It's not the peace of our _____.
(c) His peace is not the peace of _____. It's a peace of _____.

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1. Read Acts 16:25. When in a time of hardship have you simply praised to the Lord through prayer or song? What were the results?
2. We looked at 3 ways to have real joy. — Look over these. When is a time in your life God took you through this? How did you respond? What did you learn? When you find yourself going through the first step in the process — confusion, do you turn to God first? Why or why not? Tragedies are not replaced or exchanged into joy. They are transformed into joy. What difference does this make and why?
3. God allows things to come into our lives because He is more interested in our character than our comfort.
4. When it comes to the Holy Spirit, what kind of relationship do you currently have with Him and why? When have you seen God the Father sharpening your character to resemble more the character of God the Son?
5. We learned 2 truths about peace. Which of these 2 do you need to focus more on in your life?
6. To pray in Jesus' name means we pray the way Jesus would pray. Is this how you pray? Why or why not?
7. What does it mean to you that you have direct access to God the Father?
8. Which of these two passages typically describe you: John 3:26 or John 14:27? Why?
9. How does studying the lives of Job, Joseph (OT), and Daniel help you understand God's process of transforming tragedies into joy?
10. Do you consistently take your guilt, your failures, your worries, your fears and your griefs and put them in the hands of the Lord? Why or why not? Read John 16:31. We learned 3 truths about peace, which of these apply to you the most and why?