

Joy in the Waiting

Romans 12:12 (NIV):

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

Waiting can be one of the hardest places to be. Whether you're waiting on healing, answers, breakthrough, or direction—it can feel like time is standing still. But in God's eyes, waiting is never wasted. It's a place where hope is refined, trust is deepened, and joy can still rise.

Joy in the waiting doesn't come from the outcome—it comes from knowing the One we're waiting with. Romans 12:12 is like a three-beat rhythm for the waiting soul: joy in hope, patience in trials, faithfulness in prayer. Each one nourishes the next.

While you wait, don't give up on joy. It's not a surface-level emotion—it's a deep-rooted confidence in God's goodness and faithfulness, even when the answers haven't arrived yet. He is working while you wait. And He is with you while you wait.

Reflection Prompt:

How can you choose joy in the middle of something you're waiting on?

Prayer:

Father, I want to wait well. Fill my heart with joy, even before the breakthrough. Remind me that You are working behind the scenes, and help me trust You fully. Amen.