

Salvation Stories Worth Telling



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***WE FORGET...
WE EASILY
FORGET...***



FINISH

crisis

PROBLEMS

TEAM

STRATEGY

GOALS

START



***Ask :
When was the last
time, you told of the
story of your joy of
salvation?***



happy

- ***Wealth?***
- ***Possessions?***
- ***Pleasures?***
- ***Relationships?***
- ***Drugs, alcohol?***
- ***Etc?***

***The
HAPPINESS
that the
WORLD offers
is temporal but
the JOY of the
LORD is
eternal.***



MIS- CONCEPTION OF JOY?

#1 : JOY IS THE SAME AS HAPPINESS?

- Truth : Happiness depends on happenings/ circumstances but the Joy of the Lord is regardless.*



MIS- CONCEPTION OF JOY?

#2 : I WILL HAVE JOY WHEN ALL MY PROBLEMS ARE GONE?

- *Truth : Joy is not the absence of problems but having joy even when in the storms.*



MIS- CONCEPTION OF JOY?

#3 : I WILL HAVE JOY WHEN I SERVE IN A MINISTRY?

- *Truth : Even pastors, leaders and workers can lose their joy if they serve without a real connection with Jesus.*





***True joy is
found only
in Christ,
not in worldly
things or even
religious
activity.***

***12 Restore to me the
joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a
willing spirit.***

***13 Then I will teach
transgressors your
ways, and sinners will
return to you.***

Psalms 51:12-13

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***HOW TO
RESTORE
THE JOY OF
SALVATION?***
3Rs



#1 : RESTORE : RETURN TO GOD

Restore to me the joy of your salvation...
Psalm 51:12a

(.v. t)
/rɪˈstɔʊr/ - [re·store]

restore

To bring back to its former state; to bring back from a state of ruin, decay, disease, or the like; to repair; to renew; to recover.

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***in Heb : shub: to Return, turn back,
retreat, restore, repent;***





1 “To the angel of the church in **Ephesus** write: ‘The words of him who **holds** the seven stars in his right hand, who **walks** among the seven golden lampstands.

Revelation 2:1-3

““I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, **but** have **tested** those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.

Revelation 2:2-3

***I know you are enduring
patiently and bearing up for
my name's sake, and you
have not grown weary.***

Revelation 2:2-3

**4 But I have this against you,
that you have abandoned
the love you had at first.**

**5 Remember therefore from
where you have fallen;
repent, and do the works
you did at first. If not, I will
come to you and remove
your lampstand from its
place, unless you repent.**

Revelation 2:4-5

***HOW TO
RETURN?
=RECALL +
REFLECT +
REMEMBER***



#1: RECALL:

Recall your first encounter with Christ;

#2: REFLECT:

Reflect where have you fallen-short;

#3: REMEMBER:

Remember what God saved you from;



#2 : RENEW : OUR SPIRIT

*“...and uphold me with a willing spirit...”
Psalm 51:12b*

*10 **Create** in me a clean heart, O God, and **renew** a right spirit within me.*

*11 **Cast me not** away from your presence, and **take not** your Holy Spirit from me.*

Psalm 51:10-11

***HOW TO
RENEW?
=CREATE +
RENEW +
CAST ME NOT***



#1: CREATE:

Create in me a Clean Heart;

#2: RENEW:

Renew a Right Spirit within me;

#3: CAST ME NOT:

*Cast me not away from your
presence, and take not your Holy
Spirit from me;*



It's about your
=Prayer life +
Worship life +
Spirit life!



#3 : REACH-OUT : SHARE THE JOY

*“...then I will teach transgressors your
ways, and sinners will return to you...”*
Psalm 51:12b

***4 I thank my God always
when I remember you in my
prayers, 5 because I hear of
your love and of the faith that
you have toward the Lord
Jesus and for all the saints,
...***

Philemon 1:4-7

6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Philemon 1:4-7

***HOW TO
REACH-OUT?
=A THANKFUL HEART +
A SHARING HEART +
A REFRESHING SPIRIT***



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HEART: *Seek*
out and pray
for others;

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#1: RETURN:

Reflect on the greatness of God's salvation;

#2: RENEW:

Seek a fresh work of the Holy Spirit in your heart;

#3: REACH-OUT:

Share the joy with others;

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Application Questions:

#1 :

*Share **your first encounter** “the joy” when you first met Jesus : receiving your salvation in Christ;*

#2 :

*Share **who led you to Christ** or **who have you led to Christ** and the question is : what was their reaction and vice-versa.*

