

A dramatic scene featuring a spotlight shining down on the word "unexpected". The word is rendered in a stylized, metallic, 3D font with a gold or bronze hue. The background is dark and textured, resembling a starry night sky or a grainy film surface. The spotlight creates a bright, circular area of light around the word, with a soft glow extending outwards. The overall mood is mysterious and cinematic.

unexpected

JOY



“Can I find Joy when life hurts?”

“What if God’s promises don’t look how I expected?”

“Will injustice ever end?”

“Is Joy only for the happy?”

Jesus did not come to meet expectations,
but to fulfill people's greatest longings.

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OUR WORLD MARKETS JOY

SCRIPTURE ANNOUNCES JOY

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

LUKE 4:18-19 NIV

JOY IS:

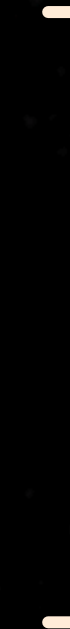
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GOD'S PRESENCE



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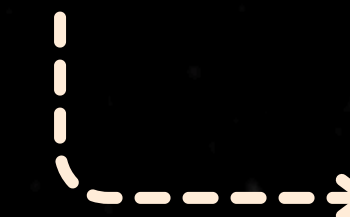
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GOD'S SALVATION

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GOD'S FUTURE

Joy is God's presence, God's salvation
and God's future breaking into **our reality.**

✦ GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR

✦ FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS

✦ SIGHT FOR THE BLIND

✦ SET THE OPPRESSED FREE

✦ PROCLAIM JUBILEE

LEVITICUS 25 & ISAIAH 61

YEAR OF JUBILEE

Justice Mercy Restoration Freedom Dignity Grace Rest

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and God's future breaking into **our reality.**

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

PSALM 16:11 ESV

Joy is gone from our hearts;
our dancing has turned to mourning.

LAMENTATIONS 5:15 NIV

And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place
he will choose as a dwelling for his Name.

DEUTERONOMY 16:11A NIV

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest

ISAIAH 9:2-3 NIV

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

LUKE 2:10-11 NIV

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame,
and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2B NIV

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.”

JOHN 15:11 NIV

And the disciples were filled with joy
and with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 13:52 NIV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

GALATIANS 5:22-23 NIV

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds...

JAMES 1:2 NIV

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:3-5 ESV

“Hallelujah!

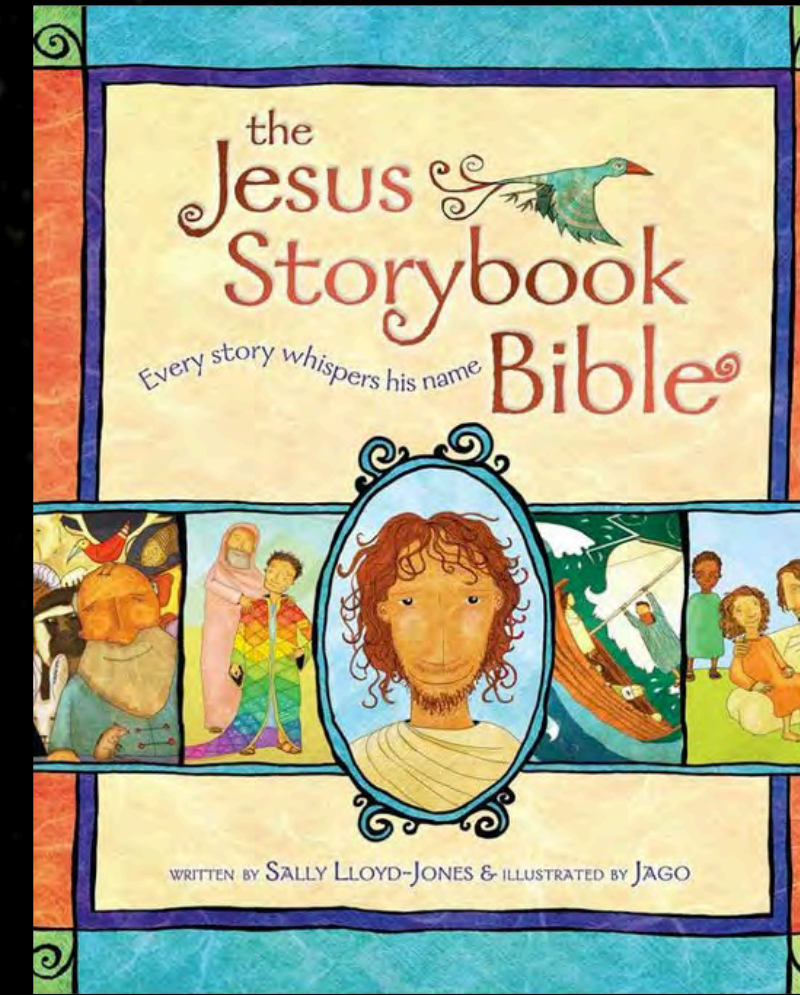
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come.”

REVELATION 19:6-7 ESV

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

REVELATION 21:3B-4 ESV



“Jesus was making everything sad come untrue”

- *Jesus Storybook Bible*