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JOY IN THE JOURNEY

MATTHEW 13:44–46 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then **in his joy** he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and **sold all** that he had and bought it."

ROMANS 8:29 "For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be **conformed** to the image of His Son . . ."

ROMANS 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

1 PETER 1:13–16 "Therefore, **preparing your minds for action**, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17–18

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from **one degree of glory to another.** For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

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- **Words of Encouragement** - Ephesians 4:29; 5:4; John 1:47

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- **Prayer** - 1 Thessalonians 3:8-10; 5:12-18; Luke 18:1; Matthew 14:22-23

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- **Faithfulness** - 3 John 1:4; Philippians 1:22-26; John 15:10-25; 17:14-19

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- **Sharing the Gospel** - Proverbs 10:28; Philippians 1:12-18; Matthew 9:35-38

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