

Recovering Your JOY this Christmas

“Behold, I bring you good news of great joy....”
(Luke 2:10)

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.”
(Matthew 2:10, KJV)

What Makes Us Lose Our Joy?

1) _____ ⇒ SO ... _____ your _____!

“...there was no room for them....” (Luke 2:7)

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.”
(James 1:2)

“In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, ... even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory....” (1 Peter 1:6-8)

2) _____ - _____ ⇒ SO ... _____ your _____!

“...to the city of David which is called Bethlehem.” (Luke 2:4)

“But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son....”
(Gal. 4:4a)

“Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”
(2 Cor. 4:16-18)

3) _____ ⇒ SO ... _____ to His _____!

“...the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid....’” (Luke 2:10)

“‘Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they came in a hurry....” (Luke 2:15-16)

“In Your presence is fullness of joy....” (Ps. 16:11)

“...In the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.” (Ps. 63:7b)

4) _____ ⇒ SO ... _____ of your _____!

“When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.” (Ps. 32:3)

“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin....Restore to me the joy of Your salvation....” (Ps. 51:2,12)

5) _____ ⇒ SO ... Be a _____!

“...Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matt. 2:11)

“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
(Acts 20:35)

The Joy Formula:

J _____ (first)

O _____ (second)

Y _____ (last)