

*Joy Without Limits :*  
*The Joy of Adversity*  
**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Text : James 1:2-3

Introduction: We are studying a series of lessons on the subject of joy. We know that Jesus commanded His disciples to be joyful. **John 15:11** says, “*These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.*” However, what about when the storms of life overtake us? What happens when we face adversity? Does God still promise that we can have joy everlasting? In this particular lesson we will focus on the joy of adversity . . . .

Discussion:

*I. Financial Problems Should Not Hinder Your Joy*

Ecclesiastes 10:19

Luke 12:15

I Thessalonians 4:11

Proverbs 23:5

Proverbs 27:1

II Corinthians 8:1-4

Habakkuk 3:17-18

*II. Health Problems Should Not Hinder Your Joy*

John 14:1-6

James 1:27

II Corinthians 12:9

Philippians 4:6

*III. Marital Problems Should Not Hinder Your Joy*

Psalms 16:11

Psalm 34: 18

Psalm 95:2

Philippians 4:4

I Peter 3:1-9

*IV. Spiritual Problems Should Not Hinder Your Joy*

Romans 10:17

John 8:24

Luke 13:3

Matthew 10:32

Mark 16:16

Revelation 2:10

Conclusion: **Isaiah 63:9** says, “*In all their affliction He was afflicted.*” This is why I am so glad that I have a High Priest that understands my weaknesses (**Hebrews 4:15**). No matter the ache, pain, or trial, my God knows and He sympathizes. Each child of God should drink from the well of joy! What can you do to find joy in adversity?