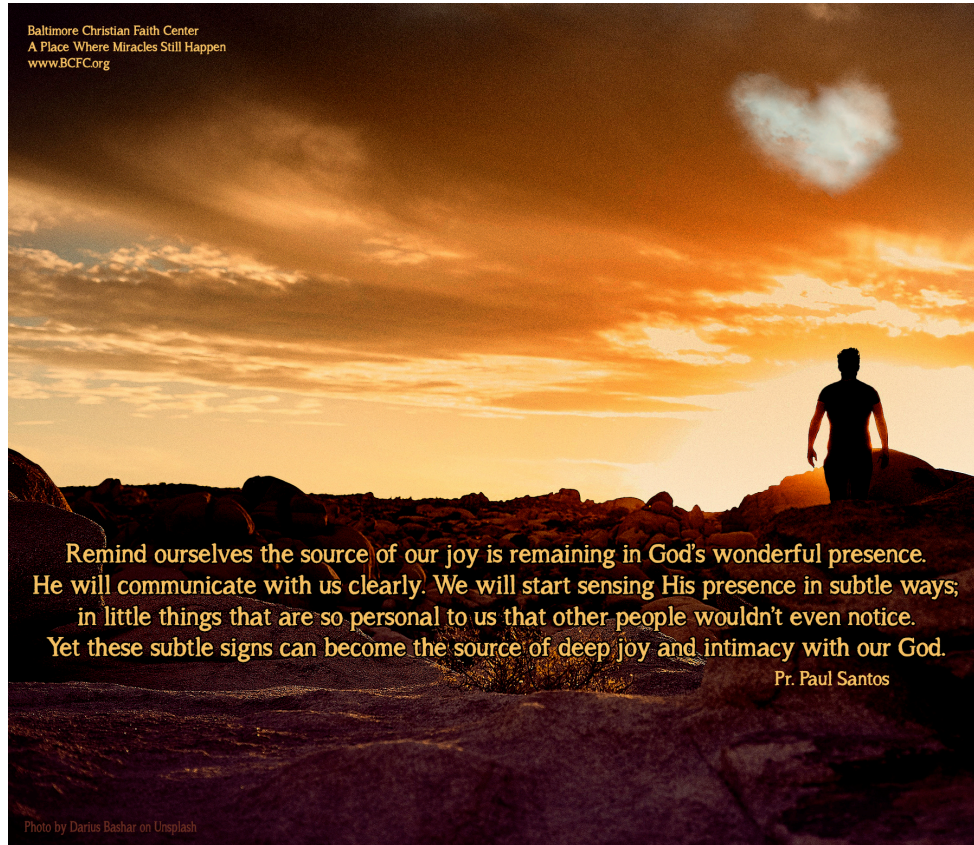


Unadulterated Joy!

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Recently, while talking to my Boss in the early hours of the morning, I was made aware of a slight mistake most of us make in life because of the wrong perspectives we have.

Many of us have been sad and completely lacking in joy because of what is going on around us with family, in our jobs, and sometimes even in the political realm. Friends that is a big mistake! We read in Psalms 16:11 The following: **"You will teach me the right way to live. Just being with you will bring complete happiness. Being at your right side will make me happy forever."** (ERV)

Note that, according to the Bible, we should know our joy and happiness are independent of circumstances! The source of our happiness comes from being in His presence. When we are in God's presence we are never separated from Him!

There will always be “wrongs and bads” happening around us that can steal our joy! So, what do we do when these things come our way? Remind ourselves the source of our joy is remaining in God’s wonderful presence. He will communicate with us clearly; we will start sensing His presence in subtle ways in little things that are so personal to us that other people wouldn’t even notice. Yet these subtle signs can become the source of deep joy and intimacy with our God.

The more attentive we become, the more effort we make to stay in His daily presence, the less will we be swayed by the hurts in our daily lives. I would suggest each one of us to fill our minds and hearts with His Holy Word and find time to commune with Him daily, where I believe He will reveal Himself to each one of us personally, enabling us to permeate His promises in our minds and thoughts and thus living a happy and joyful life, despite our circumstances! Let’s be on the lookout for His presence today and be transformed by it so that we might experience that unadulterated Joy!

In Him,
Pr. Paul Santos