

Experiencing Joy Amidst Chaos!

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It seems as if every week we hear about a mass shooting in our country. And things are getting so bad that now lunatics are going to churches to kill while we are worshiping our God. How is this even possible? We read in Matthew 24:12: *“Evil will spread and cause many people to stop loving others.”* And this, friends, is the cause of much craziness in our society today along with lack of love and resident hatred in people’s hearts. Nevertheless, as we mourn along with our brothers and sisters who have lost loved ones, we should never lose heart.

The Scriptures also say in James 1:2-3: *“My brothers and sisters, you will have many kinds of trouble...You know that you learn to endure by having your faith tested.”* I know that it’s not easy to deal with situations such as the loss of loved ones; it’s really a test of our faith! But do you know that at the end of the day, the Lord promises to be with us!

Job in the midst of the toughest time in his life said: Job 8:21: *“He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouting.”* We can’t allow ourselves to be submerged in all the evil around; we need to focus on God and seek refuge in Him (Psalm 46:1).

Is it easy to go through the loss of a loved one? No! But let's turn to God and find in Him the strength we need to carry on in difficult times such as these! Bottom line—Hebrews 1:9: *“You love what is right and hate what is wrong. So God, your God, has chosen you, giving you more honor and joy than anyone like you.”* May the Word of God comfort us and give us the joy to go through these difficult times!

In His service

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