

Sunday, February 16, 2025
“Meet the Great I AM- And Let Sorrow Give Way to Joy.”
John 16:16-24

I. WHY Does Joy Need to Happen?

- It was needed desperately because the Crucifixion was drawing very near.
- Joy is pivotal because confusion and sorrow, both can overwhelm us.
- We need joy because we too easily allow the world to have pseudo-victories over us.
- The very thing causing sorrow will give birth to joy.

II. WHAT Happens When Joy Happens?

- The deepest pain can lead to the richest Joy.
- THIS Joy can Never be Diminished or Reduced.
- There is no joy comparable to when the Creator of the Universe answers your prayer.

III. HOW Does Joy Happen?

- Lasting joy only comes into a life when God transforms you, never by substitution.
- The way of substitution in problem- solving produces immaturity.
- Pain is not replaced BY joy but is transformed into joy!
- God alone can take seemingly impossible situations, add the miracle of grace, and transform trials into triumph.

IV. WHEN Will Joy Happen?

- At the moment of confidence IN and commitment TO God, since it never depends on circumstances.
- ONLY when brokenness and surrender yield to Him.