

God's Prescription for Joy: Put Confidence in the Shepherd When Others Attack

Psalm 23:5

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.*

When other people attack us we can become fearful and believe that God is incapable of caring for us. However, God is fully capable of taking care of every need we have even when we are surrounded by our enemies. The quicker we trust Him, the sooner our joy will return.

I can feel joy in the midst of an attack:

1. When I direct my focus on God.

Nehemiah 4:15, 6: 2- 3, Psalm 33:10, Isaiah 8:10, Psalm 73:26, Lamentations 3:24

2. When I place my hope in Him.

A. He prepares a table for us.

Psalm 23:5, 78:19, Exodus 16:4

B. He treats us as honored guests.

1 Peter 2:9, John 15:15, Psalm 45:7

C. He offers us a feast from His abundance.

Psalm 16:5

i. The abundance of grace and righteousness.

Romans 5:17

ii. The abundance of comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:5, Psalm 119:50

iii. The abundance of joy.

2 Corinthians 8:2, John 15:11

iv. The abundance of everything needed.

2 Corinthians 9:8, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 78:23-25