



FRUITFUL IN A FAMINE
SORROW TURNED TO JOY
JOHN 16:16-22

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - July 25, 2021

1. Imagine _____

John 16:16–22 (ESV)

16 "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" 18 So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

2. Live _____

3. Joyfully _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What stands out to you as you consider the sorrow and joy of the disciples as they experienced the death and resurrection of Jesus? How does that increase your own joy in a resurrected Savior?

2. **Read Luke 24:8-9.** A key part of the post-resurrection joy came from remembering what Jesus had already said! In what ways do you think a lack of joy in your life may be because of a failure to remember or understand what the Bible says?

3. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:17.** How can a confidence in the resurrection of Jesus also increase your confidence and assurance that you are really forgiven for your sins?

4. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:58.** How will the reality of resurrection impact the way you think about ministry, evangelism, and suffering?

5. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:49.** What excites you most about “bearing the image of the man of heaven”? How can that affect your joy this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Alcorn, Randy. *Heaven*. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.
 Lewis, C.S. *The Weight of Glory*. HarperOne, 2001.
 McDowell, Josh and Sean McDowell. *More Than a Carpenter*. Tyndale Momentum. 2009.

Prayer Requests

Pray that our congregation would live out the joy of the resurrection.
 Pray that we would see more in our community come to know the Risen Christ as Savior and Lord.
 Pray for God’s protection over every aspect of Camp Compass and that he would use this week to impact children and their families with God’s Word.
 Pray for John Sanborn to have a very productive time building road for our missions partners in Uganda.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
7/26	2 Chronicles 13-15	Psalm 88:8-18	Luke 8:1-15	Ephesians 5:15-33
7/27	2 Chronicles 16-18	Psalm 89:1-10	Luke 8:16-25	Ephesians 6:1-9
7/28	2 Chronicles 19-21	Psalm 89:11-19	Luke 8:26-39	Ephesians 6:10-24
7/29	2 Chronicles 22-23	Psalm 89:20-28	Luke 8:40-48	Philippians 1:1-14
7/30	2 Chronicles 24-25	Psalm 89:29-37	Luke 8:49-56	Philippians 1:15-30
7/31	2 Chronicles 26-28	Psalm 89:37-52	Luke 9:1-17	Philippians 2:1-11