



JOY IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:8-20 NIV

**JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD HAS _____, LET
EARTH RECEIVE HER KING, LET EVERY HEART
_____ HIM ROOM AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING**

**JOY: _____
A DEEPER, _____ JOY FROM GOD**

*"...the joy of the Lord is your strength."
Nehemiah 8:10 NIV*

**JOY: _____
JOY FOUND IN THE _____ OF GOD AND
BECAUSE OF GOD**

**JOY NO MATTER WHAT THE _____
CIRCUMSTANCES ARE**

JOY ISN'T AN EMOTION- IT'S A _____

*In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.
2 Corinthians 7:4 ESV*

*Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake...
Colossians 1:24 ESV*

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials
of many kinds...
James 1:2 NIV*

*And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing
our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set
before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at
the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV*

JOY EMOTIONALLY MATURES US IN _____

**HE DOESN'T WANT PERFECTION; HE JUST WANTS OUR
PRESENCE _____ HIM AND A DESIRE TO GROW
_____ HIM.**

**LET'S TURN OUR _____ INTO OUR _____
_____!**

**WHAT'S ONE THING YOU NEED TO CHANGE FROM "I
HAVE TO" TO "I GET TO" THIS SEASON?**

