

HOMECELL NOTES

PASTOR AT BOSHOFF
THE VOICE OF REJOICING
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WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering (1 Praise & 2 Worship songs)

WORD

Psalm 118:15-16 The Passion Translation

¹⁵ The joyful songs I now sing will be sung again in the hearts and homes of all your lovers. My loud shouts of victory will echo throughout the land. For Yahweh's right hand conquers valiantly! ¹⁶ The right hand of Yahweh exalts! The right hand of Yahweh will never fail.

Nehemiah 8:10 New King James Version

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

QUESTION 1: Nehemiah said to the whole of Israel: "... the joy of the Lord is your strength." Why is a joyous spirit so important if we want to live in victory?

The voice of victory on the battleground is the voice of rejoicing! It's the voice of rejoicing that brings victory on the battleground.
Ps At Boshoff

Ask a few cell members to read James 1:2–5; Proverbs 17:22; Proverbs 15:13-15

QUESTION 2: According to these passages, what are some of the effects of a "heavy/troubled" heart?

Answer: A heavy or troubled heart will have:

- an effect on your body - it will dry up your bones*
- an effect on your spirit (will, mind & emotions) – it will crush your spirit*

WE NEED TO KEEP THE VOICE OF REJOICING ALIVE... ESPECIALLY IN OUR DARKEST MOST DESPERATE HOUR

Ask a few cell members to read Psalm 100:1-2; Psalm 5:11-12; Psalm 89:15-18

QUESTION 3: Where is the best place to start to develop a spirit of rejoicing?

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Answer: It all start with us rejoicing in the Lord. We should turn up the volume of our praise and rejoicing in the Lord.

Ask a cell member to read 2 Chronicles 20:20-23

QUESTION 4: What is the one thing about this passage that stands out for you?

SOME OF US ARE IN THE BATTLE OF OUR LIFE... A BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL:

- IT'S TIME TO STOP BEING SILENT
- IT'S TIME TO STOP CONTEMPLATING THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO
- IT'S TIME TO OFFER GOD A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

Let's have a look at some examples from the Bible (ask cell members to read each passage):

1. Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25-26)
2. Jonah (Jonah 2:1-10)

QUESTION 5: In both these passages... what was the one thing that changed their situation?

Answer: The moment they offered their praise to God, God stepped into their situation and changed their circumstances.

Proverbs 15:15 Amplified Bible

All the days of the afflicted are bad, but a glad heart has a continual feast [regardless of the circumstances].

Ask a few cell members to read Psalm 34:1-4; Psalm 118:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:16; Philippians 3:1; Philippians 4:4-5

QUESTION 6: What are some practical things we can do to get ourselves into a place of rejoicing?

- Answer:*
1. It's of critical importance to understand that to rejoice is a decision we make... in spite of what we may face
 2. Like Job, you **MUST** choose to worship God in your lowest moments
 3. You need to stand your ground.... don't allow circumstances to get the better of you
 4. You need to draw closer to God in stormy seasons – You must run to Him...and never from Him
 5. We must have an expected outcome to our trial.... God will make a way

WORKS

Encourage members to join us this Sunday at church! Also challenge them to invite a friend, neighbor, family member or colleague to join them. LET'S WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST!