



Keeping Joy in the Midst of Troubles

1. Joy and happiness are not the _____
Happiness is based upon what _____: _____;
Joy is _____: based upon _____ I am and who I _____ to
2. Those that have lost joy try to fill it with _____ moments

The Story of David: 1 Samuel 17-27

- At least _____ of the Psalms were written during this time

We see three lessons from David's Troubles

- (1) It lasted a _____ : _____
(2) David did _____
(3) Through this trouble, David did not _____ his _____
- **David's troubles were _____ (Ps 6:6-7)**
You don't have to _____ that the pain that you feel is not _____
Biblical faith is not _____ your _____ to what is going on around you
To have joy does not mean that you have _____ all of your _____
- **David took his troubles _____ the Lord, not _____ from the Lord**
David's pain drove him _____ to the Lord, not _____ away
Instead of growing _____, David became more _____
Instead of seeking _____, David sought _____ in the Lord
 - the season of troubles did not _____ God's _____
 - even hiding in a cave, God was still _____
 - even being chased, God was still _____
 - even when Saul seemed most powerful, God was _____
- **David's joy did not come from his _____, but from his _____ in who God is**
- **David refused to find _____ and _____ shortcuts**
Biblical joy can never come from _____
Peace that comes from _____ never lasts
- **David through his troubles _____ to _____ the Lord (Ps 57:7-11)**

David entered the cave running for his life...he left the cave with a deeper faith, a stronger trust and a song in his heart

If God could give David a song in a cave, He can give you joy in the midst of your troubles