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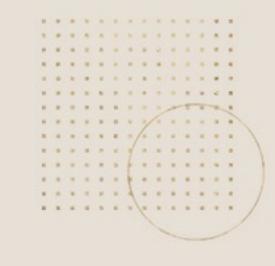


Then Mary said, "My soul praises the Lord; my heart is happy because God is my Savior. I am not important, but God has shown his care for me, his servant girl. From now on, all people will say that I am blessed, because the Powerful One has done great things for me. His name is holy."

LUKE 1:46-55

"God will always give mercy to those who worship him. God's arm is strong. He scatters the people who are proud and think great things about themselves. God brings down rulers from their thrones, and he raises up the humble. God fills the hungry with good things, but he sends the rich away with nothing. God has helped his people Israel who serve him. He gave them his mercy. God has done what he promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his children forever."

LUKE 1:46-55



MAIN POINT

Only a good God makes JOY central to following Him.

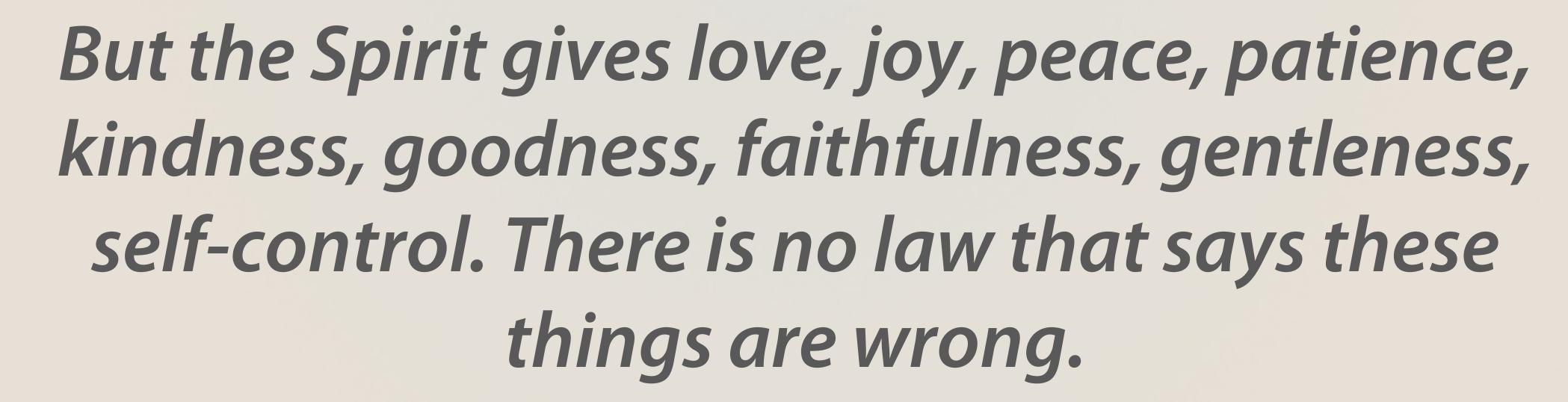


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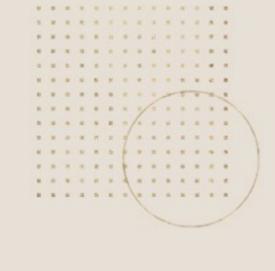
Joy is more than not being sad.





GALATIANS 5:22-23





"Joy isn't the absence of sadness but the presence of God."

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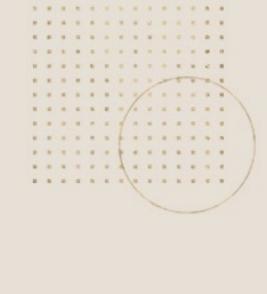




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Joy comes from en-JOY-ing God.





I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have. I want your joy to be the fullest joy.

JOHN 15:11





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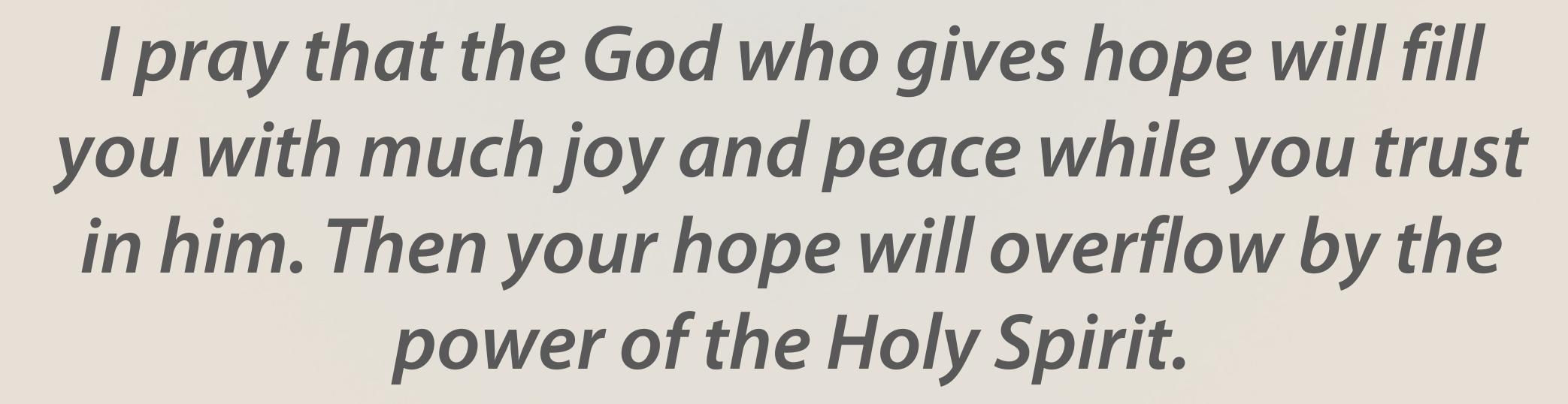
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Real joy changes our actions.





ROMANS 15:13



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