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Rest, Compassion, Joy

(part #8)

John 15:11

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that **your joy may be complete.**”

***Joy Is a Gift!**

***Joy Is A Person!**

***Joy Is A Reality!**

You Can Chase Happiness Or Be Caught By Joy!

“Surviving Joy!”

1 Peter 1:6-9

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials...

***Joy Is A C_____!**

“Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing...”—2 Corinthians 6:10

What if: God’s purposes are not so much for me to

understand His plans: His plan is for me to understand Who

He is, *And He is my Peace. My Joy...*

What if: Prayer isn’t about getting what you desperately want, but about getting more of the One Who desperately wants you...

What if: You discover Jesus is *really enough* — when you discover Jesus is *really all you have left*.

Sometimes he allows what he can hardly stand to accomplish more than we can understand.—Ann Voskamp

Suffering Can Sweeten & Deepen Us Or Suffering Can Poison And Embitter Us. We Have A Choice!

“...a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...”—Isaiah 53:3

“For whatever reason God chose to make people as they are—limited and suffering and subject to sorrows and death—he had the honesty and courage to take his own medicine. Whatever game he is playing with his creation, he has kept his own rules and played fair. He can exact nothing from us that he has not exacted from himself. He has himself gone through the whole human experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair, and death. When he was man, he played the man. He was born in poverty and died in disgrace and thought it all worthwhile.”—Dorothy Sayers

ALL JOY IS “IN SPITE OF SOMETHING” JOY!

1 Peter 1:7-9 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and **are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,** ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

What Is The Reality Behind The Reality?

***God Is G_____ & God Loves M_____!**

***God Has My Best I_____ At Heart!**

***God Has Saved Me And R_____ Me!**

***This World Is Not My H_____!**

***God Works In The Midst Of P_____!**

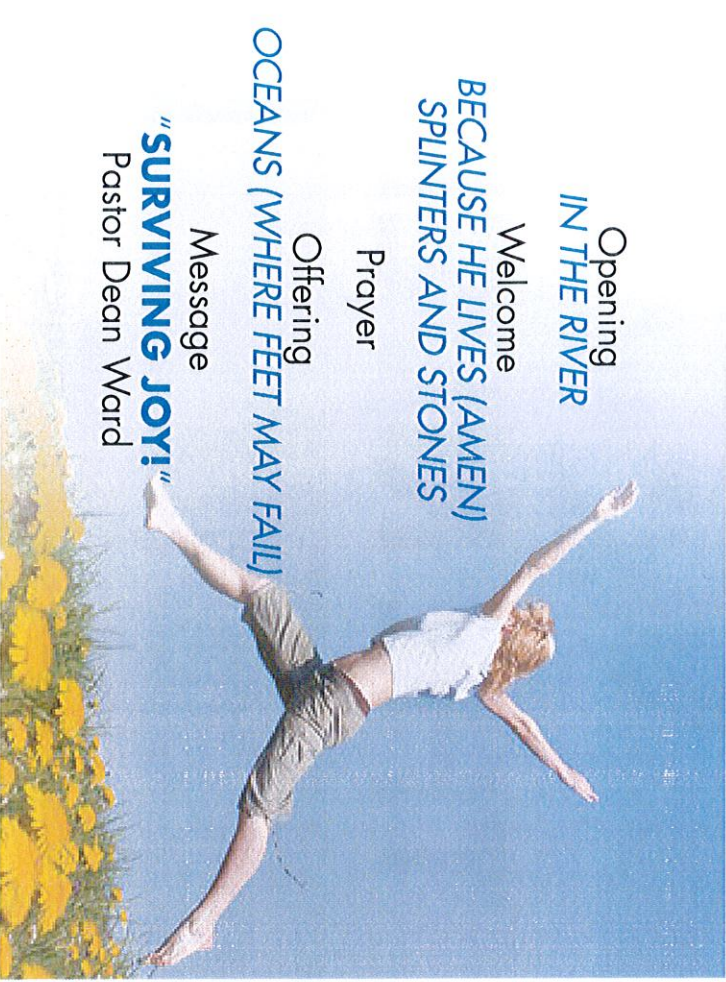
***Jesus Walked These Roads Of S_____ Himself
& Will Walk w/ Me Even T_____ My Own Death!**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the

Holy Spirit.”—Romans 15:13

JOIN US TODAY

Sunday, October 29th, 2017



Opening
IN THE RIVER

Welcome
BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)
SPLINTERS AND STONES

Prayer

Offering

OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FALL)

Message

"SURVIVING JOY!"
Pastor Dean Ward

PART 8 OF OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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REST COMPASSION JOY

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance	
October 1st	\$7,999.66	250
October 8th	\$5,695.91	318
October 15th	\$4,322.88	258
October 22nd	\$6,760.82	260

UPCOMING EVENTS

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday October 29	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday November 5	Services 9:30am & 11:15am
Wednesday November 1	Sonward Tutoring & Homework Help 5-6pm The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8pm Sonward Action Bible Study 6:30-8pm	Wednesday November 8	Sonward Tutoring & Homework Help 5-6pm The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8pm Sonward Action Bible Study 6:30-8pm
Saturday November 4	Postia Extravaganza 3:30-7:30pm @ Knead Community Cafe	Thursday November 9	MOPs 9:30-11:30am

NOVEMBER 17-19 **THIRST YOUTH CONVENTION**
IN ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

STAY CONNECTED! CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR EVENTS
www.rivernewken.com
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!
 Family ♦ Fellowship ♦ Faith
 BRING THE KIDS! Nursery & Preschool programs are available
 SMALL GROUPS FOR GROWING IN FAITH
6:30-8pm

Sonward
 Changing a community
ACTION BIBLE STUDY
 GEARED FOR PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE



WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8PM

TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP AVAILABLE FROM 5-6PM

RIVER'S EDGE YOUTH GROUP
 Open to youth grades 7-12
 Youth Pastor Brian Becker 724-594-7394
 Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service. After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.
Wednesdays 6-8pm