



# Grace Fellowship of Morehead, KY

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get **OILED** up!  
with Joy

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**OUR QUOTE (Mike Tyson):** “Everyone has a plan until they are punched in the face.”

**MY QUOTE:** “Everyone thinks they are blessed until famine comes.”

**HONESTLY:** This is just a statement that says, there are a lot of Christians that think they are doing “fine” until the battle comes along and they realize they are not fine at all. They really don’t have a hold of faith, like they thought.

And the PUNCH IN THE FACE causes us to fall back instead of stand strong!

We’ve spend the several weeks talking about pulling back vs. aggressive faith. Don’t let the enemy cause you to pull back!

## **Last Week:**

The sport that Mike Tyson was specifically referring to with the “punched in the face” quote is boxing. A couple important things in boxing to keep the enemy from landing THAT punch is obviously a good defense...keeping your guard up!

Which we are not going to talk about...but is important (armor of God).

One area that is NOT known much is Vaseline! Yep, the gooey grease-like substance. They put it on the boxers face and sometimes on areas of the body...but mostly on the face. Why?

To keep the boxing gloves (of the opponent) from sticking to the face and tearing the skin (cutting the skin)—talk about how the hitters twist their gloves on contact. The Vaseline will cause the punch to not necessarily land flush and will cause the gloves to slide off the face.

It keeps from cutting the face and adding blood to the equation.

ALSO it causes the punch to slide off the face...which diminishes the effectiveness of the punch.

**LAST WEEK:** We talked about getting oiled up with the anointing of the Holy Spirit...getting it all over the outside of us.

Jesus told His disciples, before He went into Heaven...don’t do anything until you are oiled up. Because you will get knocked out if you try.

**Today**, I want to talk about another ANOINTING that Jesus lived by and in during His life!

Psalm 23:5 – “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: ***thou anointest my head with oil***; my cup runneth over.”

**“Anointest”** – to rub or smear like butter

**HERE IS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN:** During the warmer months the sheep would be out in the pasture trying to rest. However, there would be these pests that would come and swarm at the sheep’s head. They would buzz and fly all around and would keep the sheep in a constant state of agitation.

**THE ONE CURE** to these buzzing pests were for the shepherd to put a balm/ointment on the head of the sheep. When that balm was applied...the pests stayed away...the sheep went on and lived life without the agitation.

The enemy loves to attack your head...loves to punch you in the face.

**HOWEVER:** It is clear that God has given us OIL (the Anointing) to help us defeat the enemy.

Psalm 45:7 (prophetically about Jesus) – “Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”

**“Gladness”** – cheerfulness, joy, rejoicing

Hebrews 1:9 – “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”

**“Gladness”** – exultation, joy, rejoicing...lively joy, great gladness, rapturous delight.

This wasn’t just a hidden joy that was undetectable.

**NOTICE:** Jesus was the most cheerful person in the room...every room!

When HE walked into ANY room...the room changed.

**THOUGHT:** Don’t you think that may have been some of the reason that the crowd at Jarius’ house didn’t like Him from the start.

**UNDERSTAND:** Jesus didn’t just HAVE joy...He was anointed with joy! It was all over Him.

**“Joy”** – calm delight...not necessarily a slap-stick style of goofiness.

It is a strong smile in the middle of the battle...while you are getting punched in the face!

**YOU MAY SAY**...what is the difference with having joy and being anointed with joy. It is the same as having water in a glass and having a glass in the water.

According to Galatians 5:22,23 we see that JOY is a part of the fruit of the born-again spirit.

**IN OTHER WORDS:** You get born-again...joy takes up residence on the inside.

***Every born-again Christian has joy on the inside of them.***

The problem becomes that most Christians suppress their joy.

~ Either giving in to their problems or being punched in the face. Letting their other, negative, emotions take over. The enemy has convinced you that you have no joy...and the situation is too serious.

~ Or thinking sad looks better for this situation. Maybe, if I look too happy, people won’t know that I am getting punched in the face.

If you are suppressing it...you are not using your joy...therefore, you are not growing in that joy.

**THE FIRST WAY** of going from an infilling of joy to anointing of joy is to keep using it. Joy is an act of your will...it is you deciding to use it on a daily basis.  
**UNDERSTAND:** If you don't choose...your flesh will.

**HOWEVER:** There is a very important second way.  
Psalm 16:11 – “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

**NOTICE:** IN HIS PRESENCE...is fullness of joy!  
**REMEMBER:** You are not truly full until it overflows.  
**THEREFORE:** The MORE you are in HIS PRESENCE...the more joy will rise in you...until it overflows.

That is where most Christians miss it...the punch in the face takes them out of prayer time... church time...fellowship time...etc.

## The Oil of Joy

So we see Jesus...walking through life...through His ministry...People loved Him...but a lot of people hated Him...People in His line of work hated Him.

**YET...**He walked in more joy...constantly...than anyone else in any room...in any group.  
**HOW?** He spent time with His Father. Daily communion. Constant fellowship.

Act 10:38 – “How God **anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:** who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; **for God was with him.**”  
 God anointed Jesus to do what He did.  
**YES...**Holy Ghost and power...but this anointing of gladness (of joy) was also an anointing that Jesus operated with.

**“Doing good”** – philanthropist...giving large amounts.

**BELOVED:** Do you want to know why most Christians are limited in their giving?  
 Because they ain't got the overflow of joy. Therefore, when it comes to giving...it depresses them, it makes them sad.

Jesus' giving was driven by His gladness to do it.  
2 Corinthians 9:7b – “God loves a cheerful giver.”

**REMEMBER:** Jesus did what He did on earth...NOT because He was God, but because God was with Him.

**BELOVED:** If we could get a handle on Jesus' joy...it would radically change our perspective of everyday life.

## Resurrection Sunday

We are celebrating today the resurrection of Jesus from the dead...the glory of our Risen Savior.  
**HOWEVER:** That is not how this weekend started. It started with a lot of gruesome stuff.  
 It started with Jesus LITERALLY getting punched in the face.

**YET...**how did He get through to the victory?  
 The same anointing that He lived with...not just power!

Hebrews 12:2 – “Looking unto **Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**QUESTION:** What is this verse saying?

- 1.) Jesus went through hell...literal hell.
- 2.) **HOWEVER:** He kept His eyes on the victory...not the hell.  
Isn't that our problem...we keep looking at the hell instead of the prize.  
Philippians 3:14 – Keep eye on the mark for the prize.  
David got his eyes on the prize of defeating Goliath.  
Joseph kept his eyes on the prize of being a ruler.

**YOU MAY SAY:** Well, that doesn't mean He was operating in joy on the whipping post...or on the cross... etc.

- 3.) He was anointed with the oil of gladness. It was all over Him.  
AND YES...the joy before Him dictated the joy He walked in.

He faced the cross with joy...therefore, HE TOOK THE PUNCH...KEPT THE PLAN...and DEFEATED death hell and the grave.

**YOU MAY THINK:** That doesn't seem possible.

Isaiah 61:1-3

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
- 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
- 3 **To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion**, to give unto them beauty for ashes, **the oil of joy for mourning**, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

“**Zion**” – The church

“**Appoint**” – to give or bring

**OIL OF JOY** is for us...now...to bring us victory in the middle of battles.

## Conclusion

**BELOVED:** I am absolutely NOT avoiding the presence of battles or “getting punched in the face” in your life.

Some of us are in the middle of a full-out-onslaught of punches.

**HOWEVER:** That oil of JOY is a key to defeating the enemy.

**NOTE:** That same joy is also a force...(Nehemiah 8:10)...to take the enemy out!

I will absolutely tell you that one of main reasons those punches land...so hard...is because your focus is on the battle and not on the presence of the Lord...or even the promises in His Word.

Keeping your eye on the Covenant that you have in HIS BLOOD will

...keep your joy full

...it will keep you from suppressing that joy

...it will do what it did for Jesus, on the cross...HELP YOU TO ENDURE to the victory.

That is the JOY OF EASTER...what started with a punch in the face...because of the OIL OF JOY and a PROMISE, ended with great and amazing VICTORY.