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# Roamin' In Romans Romans Chapter 12

## Romans 12:15 - Rejoice and Weep!

Message preached on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

### 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

The Lord woke me up this morning talking to me about this message...starting at the beginning, once again!

#### Romans 12:1-2

- 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- 2 And be **not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**THE TWO KEYS:** 1.) lay down your flesh; 2.) Renew your mind!

(put the Circle of Victory up on board and discuss it...focus on the soul being essential)

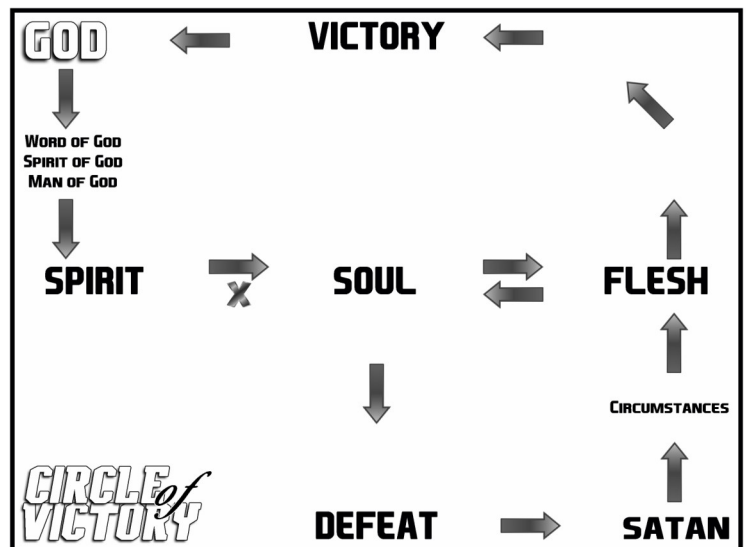
**BELOVED:** The key to getting your FLESH under control is to RENEW YOUR MIND...your soul.

Training your MIND to not be controlled by your flesh.

The most important thing you will ever do, in your life, is to start thinking like God.

#### Isaiah 55:8,9

- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.



When we get our thoughts (renew our mind) like God's thoughts...we can rise up above what the rest of the world is experiencing.

**UNDERSTAND:** Your soul (mind, will and emotions) is where the enemy strikes time and again...convincing you that you need to PICK UP your flesh and let it call the shots.

**BELOVED:** You may have laid down your flesh...maybe every morning you try...but the enemy will ATTACK your MIND again and again to get you to CRAWL BACK OFF THE ALTAR.

Often we think we are doing good for doing things right two or three times in a row (or more)...and you are, you absolutely are doing good...but you GOTTA do it right the NEXT TIME and the NEXT TIME and the NEXT TIME...

### So it comes down to this...

- \* Keep being YOUR part of the body.
- \* Keep loving genuinely.
- \* Keep abhorring evil.
- \* Keep cleaning to the good.
- \* Keep being kindly affectionate one to another.
- \* Keep up your zeal.
- \* Keep burning in your SPIRIT.
- \* Keep serving the Lord.
- \* Keep rejoicing in hope, being patient in tribulation and being constant in prayer.
- \* Keep being generous.
- \* Keep blessing those who persecute you.

**YOU ARE THINKING:** Man, Pastor Thad, can you make a check list for us...so every morning and several times through the day I can check the list and make sure I am doing everything good? ***This is tough.***

**UNDERSTAND:** It would be tough if it were up to us...but that is ***why God gives us the KEY to these things coming out of us...***RENEW YOUR MIND daily. Every day.

***If you prioritize RENEWING YOUR MIND...***you will find these things easier (because you are thinking like God) and ***the opposite stuff foreign to you.***

### Stay in the Word and spend time with Him...and HE WILL...

Romans 12:2 (PHILIPS) – “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, ***but let God re-mould your minds from within***, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.”

God will make you a brand new man from within...these things will flow out of you.

### So that leads us to the next point:

Vs. 15 – “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”

I know that this can seem obvious...but how often have you...

- \* Not cared about what happened to others.
- \* Wished it would have been you instead of them.
- \* Been quick with the advice instead of the sympathy or empathy.

Our response, regardless of how we are feeling, should be rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

**PERHAPS ASK:** What other ways does our flesh fight this statement?

***“Rejoice”*** – to be glad, to be FULL of joy (stay full), to be elated.

**REMEMBER:** the prefix means to keep doing it...keep rejoicing.

This direction means that we are to rejoice ALONG SIDE those who are rejoicing...to the same level that they are rejoicing.

If they are shouting...we shout. If they are laughing...we laugh.

**ILLUSTRATION:** Mr. Marvin is always coming in to church with an amazing report of people sowing to him and doing good things for him...ALWAYS...you were happy for him the first few times, but now it is getting obnoxious.

**NOTE:** You are running out of joy! Your FLESH is getting in the way.

**ESSENTIAL:** If you are NOT doing this...you just need to get back in the Word and spend more time with Him...renew your mind.

**BUT PASTOR THAD:** Why do I need to do this?

- 1.) God said we should.
- 2.) It is the natural outflow of a renewed mind.
- 3.) Your rejoicing for them could be the thing that unlocks what you've been believing for.

**"Weep"** – to wail, to sob, to shed tears.

Mark 5:38, when Jesus went to Jairus' house and his daughter had died...the people were weeping (this Greek word). Sobbing!

**YOU SAY:** But Pastor Thad, isn't the joy of the Lord our strength? Aren't we weakening them when we weep with them? Not necessarily.

**FIRST:** God told us to weep with them...so it is not wrong.

**SECOND:** No one cares what you know, until they know that you care.

Broken hearted people need someone's arms wrapped around them...they need to feel like they are not alone. Often they just need a shoulder to cry on...not someone telling them what they should do.

**As a matter of fact,** they often know what to do, but it doesn't mean their hearts are not broken.

Psalm 34:18 – "The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

Psalm 147:3 – "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

Matthew 5:4 – "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

**THIS DOESN'T** mean that you let them live there...but weep with them, so you can help them out of the ditch.

**ILLUSTRATION:** The pastor who had been this person's pastor for probably 20 years. The lady's brother passed away and she was crushed. She was having a hard time with her emotions.

So she called her pastor...in tears...and the pastor just said, matter of factly, "get in the Word!"

He didn't try to empathize with her...he just told her what she should do...

**QUESTION:** Was he right in what she should do?

**ANSWER:** Sure.

But she needed her pastor to connect with her...understand her grief. Because he didn't do that it ruined 20 years of partnership that they had.

If he would have wept with her and didn't make it his job to make her laugh or correct her...their relationship would have been saved.

**UNDERSTAND:** Learning to respond appropriately to people is essential.

Being sad while someone is rejoicing is NOT GOOD.

Laughing is often not appropriate in a room that is filled with brokenness and grief.

That is why we need to have our SOUL connected to our SPIRIT, because then we will make the right decisions every time.