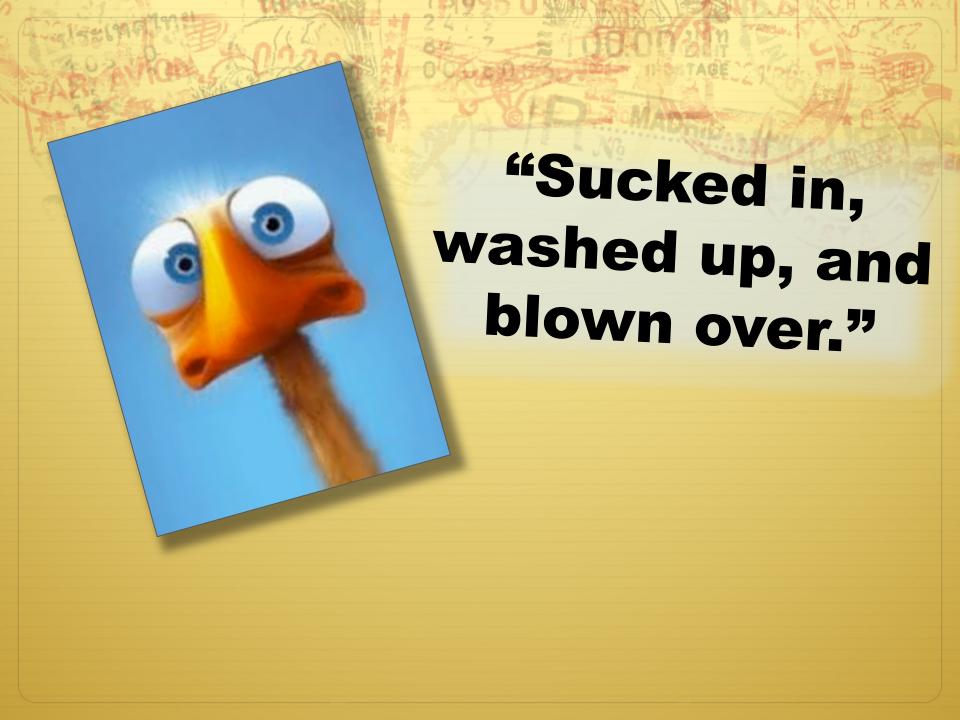


### Joy in the Journey

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Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be complete and mature, not lacking anything....



James 1:2 - 4, 12

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.

An Army Chaplain had a sign on his door that said:

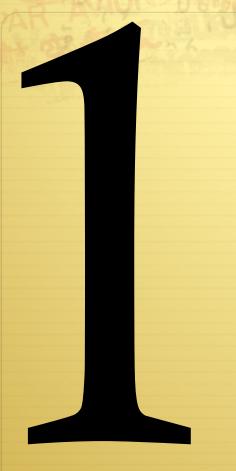
"If you have troubles, come in and tell me all about them. If you don't have troubles, come in and tell me how you do it."



There is no success without sacrifice. If you succeed without sacrifice it is because someone has suffered before you. If you sacrifice without success it is because someone will succeed after.

AZ QUOTES

# Psalms 30:5 "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." (not mourning)

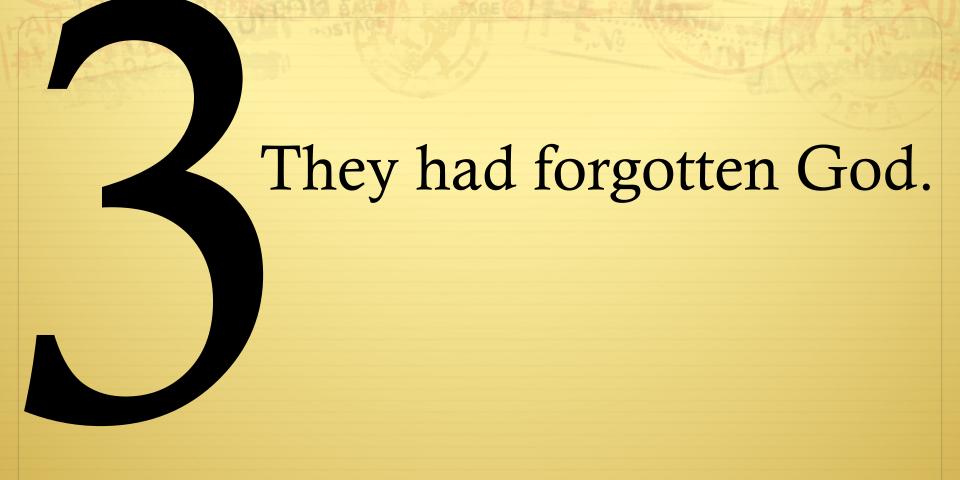


They had forgotten their spiritual heritage as they were held captive in a foreign land.



They had forgotten their native language so they had people translating to help them understand the book of the law.

They are overtaken by conviction simply by hearing the Word of the Lord.

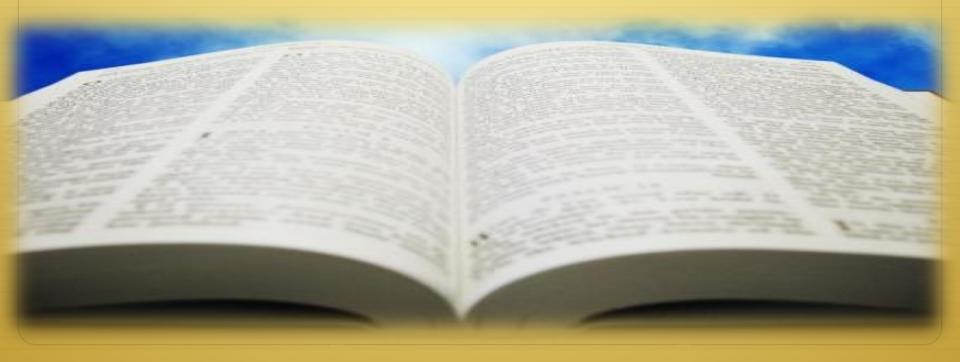


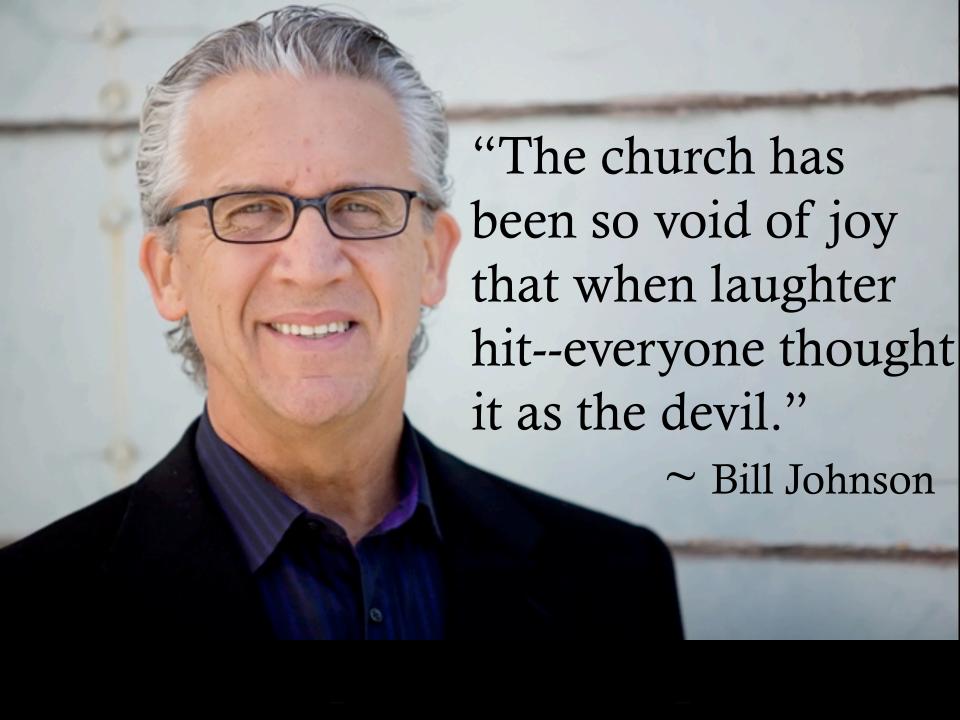
What can the righteous do when the foundations are destroyed?"



### Nehemiah 8: 12

"...for they had understood the words that were declared to them."





"Regarding emotions and humour... This I believe to be the chemical function of humour. To change the character of our thought."

~Doctor Linn Yutang



### "A clown is like aspirin, although he works twice as fast."



Krocho Marx

### When you focus on you—sorrow comes. When You focus on HIM—joy comes!



### John 15:11

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

## How can we experience the joy of the Lord in our lives?

Pursue the presence of joy.

**PSALMS 16:11** 

"You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of **JOy.**"

### JESUS SAID:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing... These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

#### 1 Peter 1:6-9

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith-of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

#### JOHN 16:33

Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart I have overcome the world."

#### 1 JOHN 2:14

"I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one"



