

Welcome

Worship Songs

"Today is the Day"

"Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)"

Communion

"Broken Vessels"

Prayer

Scripture for Today

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

Message

"The Choice that Changes it All"

Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

"You Never Change"

*Closing

JOY JOY JOY

THE CHOICE THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

THE JOY CHALLENGE!

JOY JOY JOY

THE JOY CHALLENGE

THE CHOICE THAT CHANGES IT ALL

■ Joy has nothing to do with your _____

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“Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters whenever you face Trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything.”
– James 1:2-4

■ Joy is NOT a _____ feeling, but is a _____ from God

■ Joy is a _____

○ Most important statement: _____

HOW TO CHOOSE JOY, ELIJAH-STYLE

“The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”
– 1 Kings 19:12-18

■ Choose to believe God _____ & is _____

“Then he was told, “Go, stand on the mountain at attention before God. God will pass by.”
– 1 Kings 19:11a (MSG)

“Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind.”
– 1 Kings 19:11b

“after the wind an earthquake, but God wasn’t in the earthquake;”
– 1 Kings 19:11c (MSG)

“After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire...”
– 1 Kings 19:12a

“And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper.”
– 1 Kings 19:12 (NLT)

○ God will use our _____ to get our _____

■ Choose to _____ God that ultimately everything’s going _____

“Then the Lord told him, “Go back the same way you came,”
– 1 Kings 19:15a (MSG)

“Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!” – 1 Kings 19:18

○ To experience real joy, _____

■ Choose to _____ God in _____

“Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”
– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)