

Jesus

Good News - Great Joy

Receiving good news is exhilarating and it can change our whole outlook on life.

- We often can't control the factors that impact our sense of well-being.
- The "bruising" impact of Satan (*Gen. 3:15*) can rob us of the impact of "Good News."
- God's gracious intention to bless us is unstoppable. *Luke 2:8-11*
- To enjoy the "Good News of Great Joy" we must keep the Savior big in our life.

Keep the Savior big in your life because only He is qualified to rescue you.

- "I, even I, am the LORD, and there is no savior besides Me." *Isaiah 43:11*
- "...you were not to know any god except Me, for there is no savior besides Me." *Hosea 13:4*

The book of Exodus tells us the story of one of the greatest rescues of all time.

- Egypt's Pharaoh and God had very different goals for Israel. *Exodus 1:8-14; 6:6-8*
- Jesus the Savior is our Passover Lamb. *Exodus 12:3-13; 1 Corinthians 5:7*

Keep the Savior big in your life because only He can rescue you from sin.

- "*Unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.*" *John 8:24*
- Escaping the damaging impact of sin is by far our most fundamental need.

Keep the Savior big in your life because only He can fix you completely.

- "*...He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him.*" *Hebrews 7:25*
- We are all born into this world bent and broken, in need of a Savior. *Luke 13:13*

Further Study and Pondering:

1. What's the best news you ever received? Do you remember how it made you feel?
2. What's it mean to keep the Savior big in your life? Evaluate: How big is He for you?
3. What alternative saviors do you tend to turn to? Why is this dangerous?
4. Further Study - Explore Psalms to find God's heart to save you: (*Ps. 19:14; 27:9; 34:22; 38:22; 42:5,11; 49:15; 65:5; 68:19,20; 77:14-20; 78:35; 79:9; 89:26; 130:7,8*) Tell God thanks!
5. Read (*Heb. 7:25; Luke. 13:10-13*) Commit your imperfections to God/Trust Him to fix you.
6. **Bridge-Crossing:** Ask God to lead you to someone who needs to know that God can fix them completely. (*Heb. 7:25*) Encourage them with God's truth & pray with them.

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