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John 15:11: These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

James 1:2: My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.

Heb 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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 15:10: Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Acts 16:34 (NIV): He was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God--he and his whole family.

Acts 8:7-8: For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

John 14:27: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Phil 4:6-7: Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Col 3:15: And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

John 16:33: These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Small Group Interaction:

1. What is the difference between the fruit of joy and the joy the world experiences?
2. From your own life, give an example of a joy you have experienced that a non-believer cannot experience.
3. How would you try to explain the peace of God to someone who has never experienced it before?
4. Describe a time in your life when God gave you peace and rescued you from anger, bitterness, undue stress, etc.