



17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.





INTRODUCTION





To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.



2021 IS OUR YEAR OF KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT





³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.



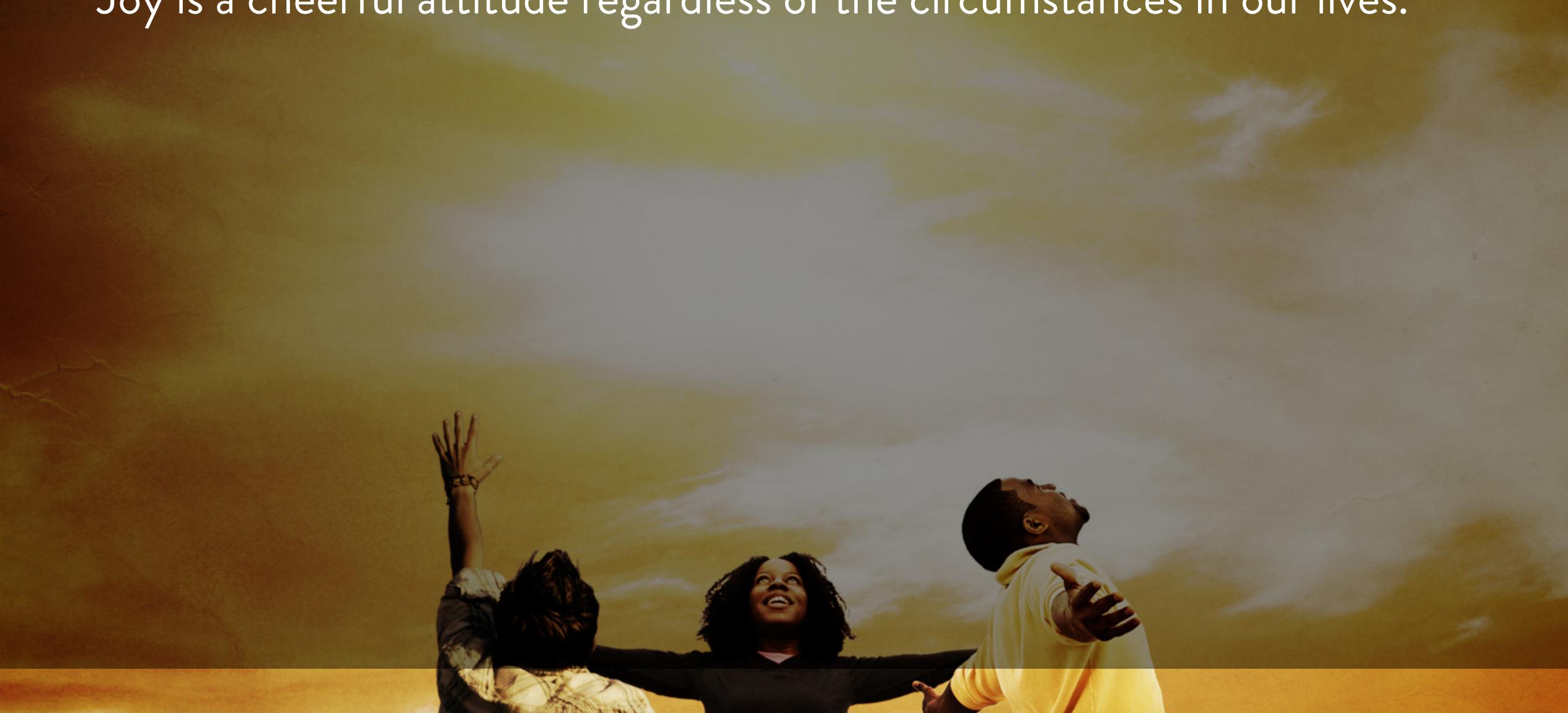
Romans 14:17 (ESV)

17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.





Joy is a cheerful attitude regardless of the circumstances in our lives.





Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.





IFESTYLE of Joy ISACHOICE



Isaiah 61:3 (AMP)

3 To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.



2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (AMP)

16 Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day. 17 For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!],

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.





24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.





IIFESTYLE of Joy

GROWS THROUGH THANKSGIVING





16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.





12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!









IIFESTYLE of Joy

DEEPENS FROM UNDERSTANDING GOD'S
GOODNESS.

Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.



1 Peter 1:8 (NIV)

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and <u>are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy</u>,



IIFESTYLE of JOY ROMAN 14:17

CONCLUSION



John 15:11 (NLT)

11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!



