

Encouragement

Here are five times that Jesus tells us:

Be encouraged, Don't be afraid, Take courage, Take heart, Be Happy.

I. BE ENCOURAGED - WE HAVE BEEN PARDONED!!

Matthew 9:1, 2 NLT - Rom.5:11 NLT

It appears that Jesus was serious about it!

Jesus is saying, "BE HAPPY!" It is in the imperative mood.

That means it is a command of God to be happy.

II. BE ENCOURAGED - WE HAVE HIS POWER

Matt. 9:20-22 NLT

II Cor.12:8, 9 NLT - Power over weakness -

1 Peter 1:3-6 Amplified - His Keeping power -

John 10:27-30 Amplified

III. BE ENCOURAGED – WE HAVE HIS PRESENCE

Matt. 14:26, 27 NLT - Psa. 16:11 NLT - Matt. 28:18-20 NLT

IV. BE ENCOURAGED – WE HAVE HIS PEACE

John 16:33 NLT

What does possessing His peace entail?

Romans 5:1 NLT - Peace with God

Philippians 4:4-7 NLT - Peace of God

Isaiah 26:3 NLT - Perfect peace

V. BE ENCOURAGED – WE HAVE HIS PROMISE

Acts 23:11 NLT

He has never failed on one promise.

I Kings 8:56 NLT

There is one more BE ENCOURAGED in the New Testament to consider.

It is given by man and not by the Lord.

Mark 10:48-52 NLT

Blind Bartimaeus calls on the Lord for mercy. Jesus responds to his call for help.

So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!"

Be happy - There is a message to give and a message to receive.

What blocks the joy of the Lord in the lives of God's people?

1. Satan is against it. **1 Peter 5:8 NLT**

2. Sin blocks the joy of the Lord. **Psa.51:12 NLT** .

3. A lack of faith hinders joy. **Heb.11:6 NLT**

4. Prayerlessness **James 4:4 NLT; Phil.4:4-7 NLT**

Be Happy He is calling for you today.