

<p>Joy, true joy, can be so very elusive at times.◆ Momentary happiness, immediate gratification, the proverbial band-aids of life, seem to be the elixir of the masses.◆◆ Just help me get through this moment!◆ is the mantra for many today.

But, it◆s not just that many are looking for distractions ◆ so that the ◆inevitables◆ of life can be ignored for as long as possible.◆ No, it◆s that all too often life in our culture becomes categorized as a series of entertainment events, rather than a fluid motion of devotion.◆ The thought that a moment only carries significance if it manages to trip the ole adrenaline pump on high and deliver some mad rush (like shopping on Christmas Eve!) has become the norm for many.

May I suggest another way?

Joy, deep, abiding joy, can be discovered within a passionate search for God◆s divine precepts, His powerful presence, and His life-path for you to follow.◆ The psalmist teaches:

◆Be still, and know that I am God.◆ I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!◆ Psalm 46:10 ESV

This means to . . . stop, listen, learn God◆s way, His truth and His rich life which deliver great Joy!◆ Oh my . . . but Jesus says, ◆few there will be that find it.◆◆ This God-search, this joy-safari, can only be accomplished by ◆being still◆!

Perhaps you can begin your search today!

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