

THE I AM IS MY JOY

Rev 1:17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Ex 3:13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, " I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

REVIEW MY DELIVER:

HE DESTROYED THE ONE WHO HAD POWER OVER ME

MOST DELIVERERS COME TO FREE YOU AND WHILE FREEING YOU DESTROY YOUR CAPTOR BUT JESUS DESTROYED YOUR CAPTOR WHEN HE HUNG ON THE CROSS. YOUR CAPTOR'S ONLY POWER COMES WHEN WE GIVE IT TO HIM!

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN AN ETERNAL BONDAGE

Hebrews 2:15 Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

FEAR WAS THE JAIL CELL

HUMAN SACRIFICE WAS REQUIRED

2. SATAN NEVER GIVES UP ON HIS PRISONERS

RECIDIVISM IS THE RATE THAT PEOPLE RETURN TO JAIL...

FAITH AND GRACE SAVED/DELIVERED YOU -EPH.2.8,9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

HOLD ON TO THE FAITH THAT SAVED YOU -GALATIANS 3.2,3

3. JESUS LIVES TO ENFORCE OUR FREEDOM

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

FREEDOM WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON THE CROSS/// JOHN 19.30

FREEDOM WAS ACCOMPLISHED WHEN HE SAVED YOU

FREEDOM WAS ACCOMPLISHED WHEN YOU PRAYED/// DAN10.12

MY JOY

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Hebrews 12:2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

Hebrews 12:3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

THERE IS A DISTINCT CONNECTION BETWEEN ENDURANCE AND JOY. IN THIS PANDEMIC I OFTEN FEEL MY ENDURANCE RUNNING LOW. AS IT WAINS SO DOES MY JOY.

BUT THE MORE I CAN ENDURE THE MORE JOY I END UP WITH.

THE PAIN OF CHILDBIRTH.....

THE PAIN OF WEIGHTLIFTING.....THE PAIN OF FINALS AND MIDTERMS.....

BUT THOSE WHO WONT ENDURE NEVER ROCK THE BABY.....NEVER GET IN CONDITION.....NEVER SHOUT ACROSS THE STAGE

THERE IS A CAUSE AND EFFECT!

1. WATCH JESUS DISREGARD SHAME

THE CROSS WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT

THE CROSS WAS AN INDICTMENT

THE CROSS WAS A BAD WAY TO END

Mt 27:40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." 41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying, 42 "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. 43 "HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE Him now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

I'VE BEEN IN PLACES I DIDNT FEEL I DESERVED. IVE BEEN TREATED WAYS I DIDNT FEEL WAS FAIR.

2. WATCH JESUS ENDURE THE CROSS

THE CROSS WAS A BRIDGE TO THE OTHER SIDE

THE CROSS THE TOOL OF GOD THAT FIXED ME

THE CROSS TURNED BITTER WATER INTO SWEET

Ex 15:22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. 24 So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters

became sweet. There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them.

3. WATCH JESUS FOCUS ON WHATS AHEAD

PERSPECTIVE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

STORY: MRI Story

LEARNING TO FOCUS AND NOT BE DISTRACTED

STORY: Peter walks on water until

LOOK FORWARD AND NOT BACKWARDS

Php 3:12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

I REFUSE TO LET YOU GO BACK!!