



# "The JOY FACTOR"

It's an amazing thing that God had to actually remind and even command His people throughout the Old Testament to 'celebrate' certain feasts, frequently and consistently. I guess you could say that they were dutifully serving God, but they'd lost their joy along the way.

When **Joshua** was about to step into his promised land (see Joshua Ch 1...), there were 3 things he needed to take with him or carry in his spirit.

**1.FAITH to SEE his promised land** "Arise, and lift up your eyes"

**2.COURAGE to TAKE his promised land**

**3.A SONG to ENJOY his promised land**

The good news for us is that God is still totally committed to giving us real joy and fullness of life. In fact, John 10:10 reminds us that Jesus "came that we might have an abundance of life".

**Discuss some of these enemies to the Joy Factor in your life!**

- Loss of vision/purpose in a wilderness...*The biggest devil can often be the 'mundane'*
- Getting stuck in a transition...*Not everyone crosses their Jordan*
- Living in Your Future, but losing sight of your today ...*Read Jer 29:11 & Heb 4:7*

**PRAY:** *Heb 6:12 be "imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises"*

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- Every month, we'll be having an opportunity to give to Missions in our Connect Groups.
- **JULY is Watoto Missions Month** (Connect Leaders to collect \$ and place in a marked envelope at weekend service)