

## CONTAGIOUS JOY - BIBLE STUDY

“Women of Faith Ministry Authors (10)

“Joy is my Strength”



**Times:** Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00

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## Contagious Joy Bible Study (10)

*(Copied from our Contagious Study Book in Chapter Ten)*

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*Joy is just one of the many gifts that God gives to His people. God gives us His love, and that love humbles us. God gives us faith, and faith makes us confident. God gives us His peace, and that peace makes us steady. God gives us His hope, and that hope makes us expectant. And God gives us His joy, and that joy makes us... strong? Of all the words we could use to describe the joy of the Lord, would strong be at the top of your list?*

*Consider this. We can know that God loves us. We can be certain of God's promises. We can trust God for peace in every situation. We can make lists of the historical facts that support our faith. We can begin each day wondering if this could be the day our hope is fulfilled. But if we do not have joy in all these truths, they seem stale, distant, even dull. All the academic pursuit of the facts of Scripture won't change a life with the dynamic power that joy has. Joy is the vibrancy, the brightness, the effervescent quality that makes our faith contagious!*



## Chapter Ten Study Questions - #10



1. As believers, we already know what God is the source of our inner strength. He's even called by that name-my Strength-in the Scriptures. Look up **Psalms 59:17** and write down what it says. Look up Isaiah 49:5 and write down what it says.
2. Words of praise and thanksgiving have been lifted up for centuries because of the strength the Lord gives to those who look to Him. Match up the verses in the book that pertains to the strength God provides.
3. We're taught from the time that we are little that the Lord lends us His strength. "We are weak, but He is strong." What does Paul tell us about God's strength in **2 Corinthians 12:9**?
4. IT doesn't sound odd to say that God is our strength. But what subtle twist does **Nehemiah 8:10** give to this notion?
5. What does David say about strength and joy in **Psalms 21:1**?
6. What does **John 15:11** tell us about the joy the Lord gives us?
7. What do **Isaiah 9:3** and **Isaiah 29:19** say God is able to do to our joy?
8. Joy isn't always just a by-product of God's blessing. Joy is a source of strength in our lives, and Jesus gave it intentionally. What does He say about joy in **John 17:13**?
9. What promise can we hang onto concerning our joy, as found in **Psalms 16:11**?

**Digging Deeper:** Look up these verses about having the kind of Joy that is transforming, that John talked about.

**Trinkets To Treasure:** Joy makes everything it's paired with better! Take joy in love! Rejoice in hope! Find joy in God's peace. Live out your faith with joy. Though joy may not seem a great source of strength, its lifting effect makes us stronger. To celebrate joy's transforming power, we'll choose a balloon as our trinket. Balloons lift our hearts and make us smile. They transform anything ordinary into a celebration!