

2026-01-25 Scripture

Scripture References from the Sermon

Explicitly Referenced Scriptures:

1. **Hebrews 12:1-3** - Running the race with perseverance, fixing eyes on Jesus
2. **Hebrews 11:6** - Without faith it is impossible to please God
3. **James 1** - Consider it pure joy when facing trials
4. **Luke 1:39-45** - Mary visits Elizabeth; baby leaps in the womb
5. **Luke 6:20-23** - Blessed are the poor; leap for joy when persecuted
6. **Luke 8:11-15** - Parable of the sower and the seed
7. **Luke 10:17-21** - The 72 return with joy; Jesus rejoices in the Holy Spirit
8. **Nehemiah 8:1-12** - Ezra reads the law; "the joy of the Lord is your strength" (v. 10)

Alluded to or Referenced:

9. **Genesis 37-50** - Joseph's story (sold into slavery, became second in command)
10. **Genesis 45:5-8** - "What you intended for evil, God intended for good"
11. **Matthew 5-7** - Sermon on the Mount (parallel to Luke 6)
12. **Acts** - Apostles rejoicing after being beaten for the faith
13. **Acts 3** - Lame man healed, walking and leaping and praising God
14. **Jeremiah 29:11** - "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you"
15. **Luke 15:11-32** - Parable of the Prodigal Son (father running to meet him)
16. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** - "Rejoice always, pray continually, in all things give thanks"
17. **James 4:10** - "Humble yourselves and he will lift you up"
18. **Hebrews 4:12** - Word of God as mirror of the soul (living and active)

Supporting Theme Verses (suggested):

19. **Philippians 4:4** - "Rejoice in the Lord always"
20. **Psalm 16:11** - "In your presence is fullness of joy"
21. **John 15:11** - "That my joy may be in you"
22. **Galatians 5:22** - Joy as fruit of the Spirit
23. **Romans 15:13** - "May the God of hope fill you with all joy"