

# 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"