

THE UNFORTUNATE EFFECT OF THAT CARROT



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Luke 2:8-11 (NIV)

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

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Isaiah 60:1 (NIV)

60 “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

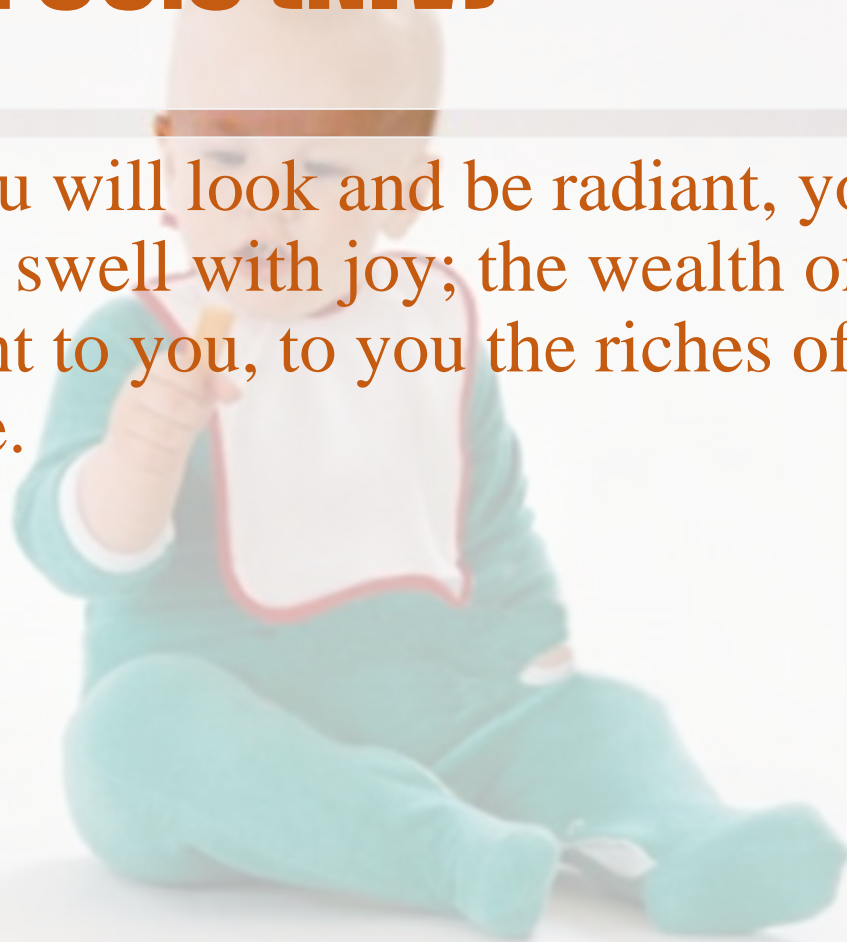


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Isaiah 60:5 (NIV)

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.



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🥕 **What Is Joy?**



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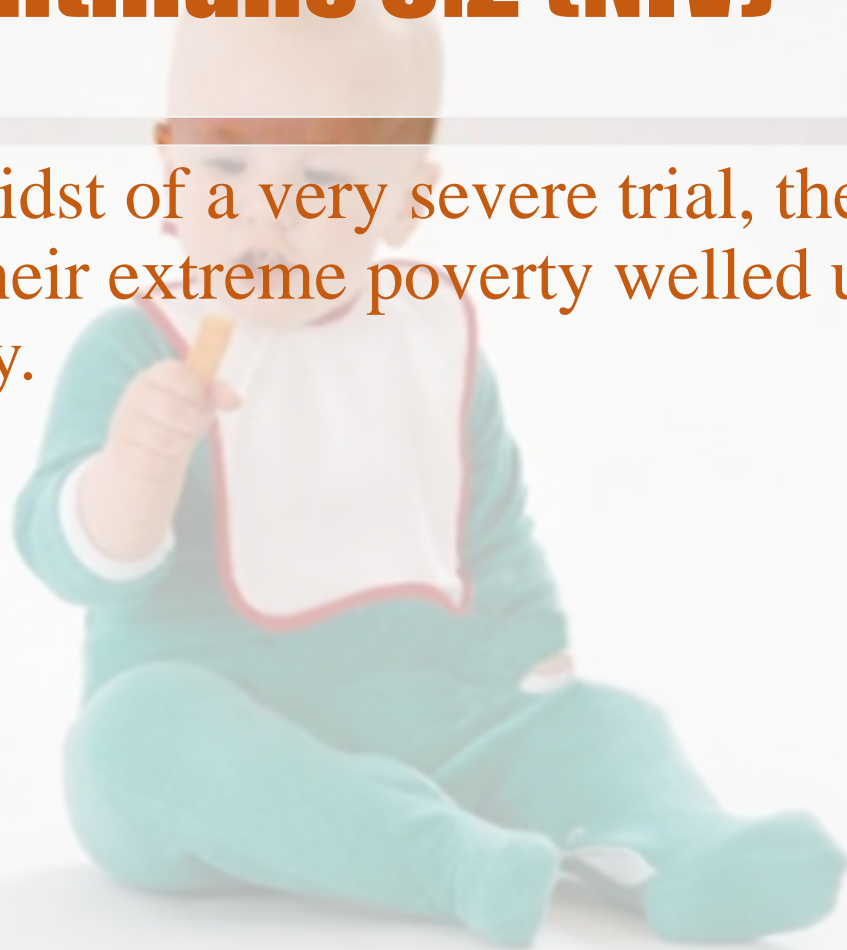
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Acts 5:40-41 (NIV)

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

2 Corinthians 8:2 (NIV)

² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.



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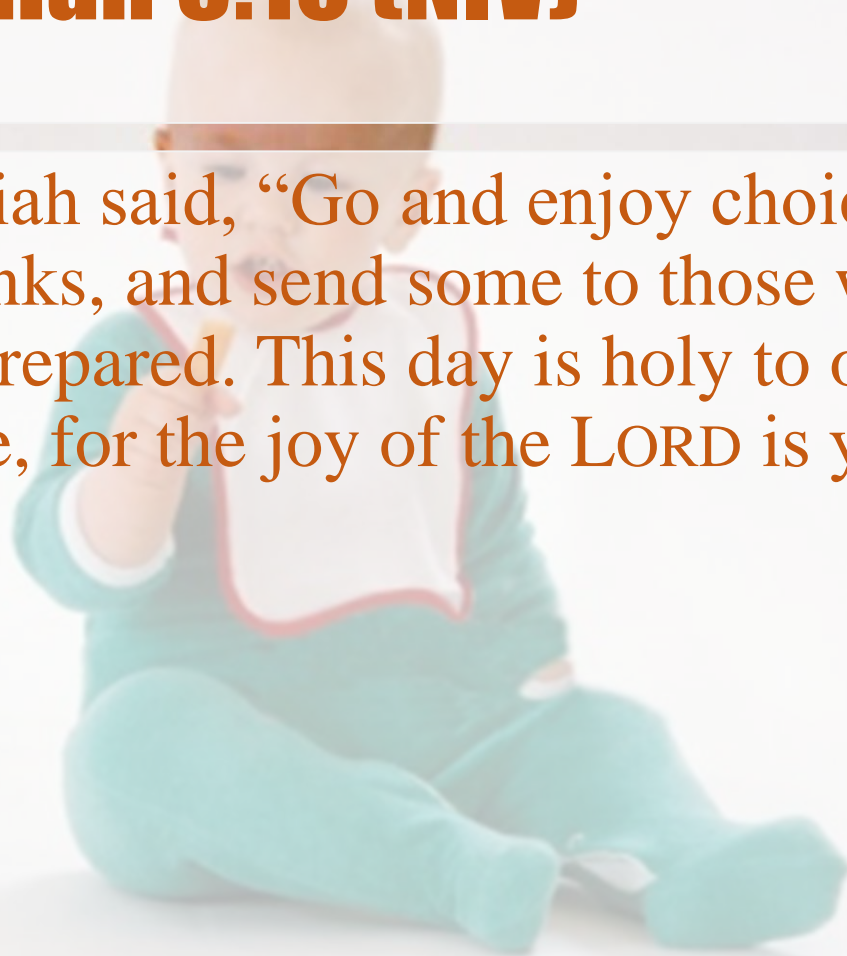


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Nehemiah 8:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”



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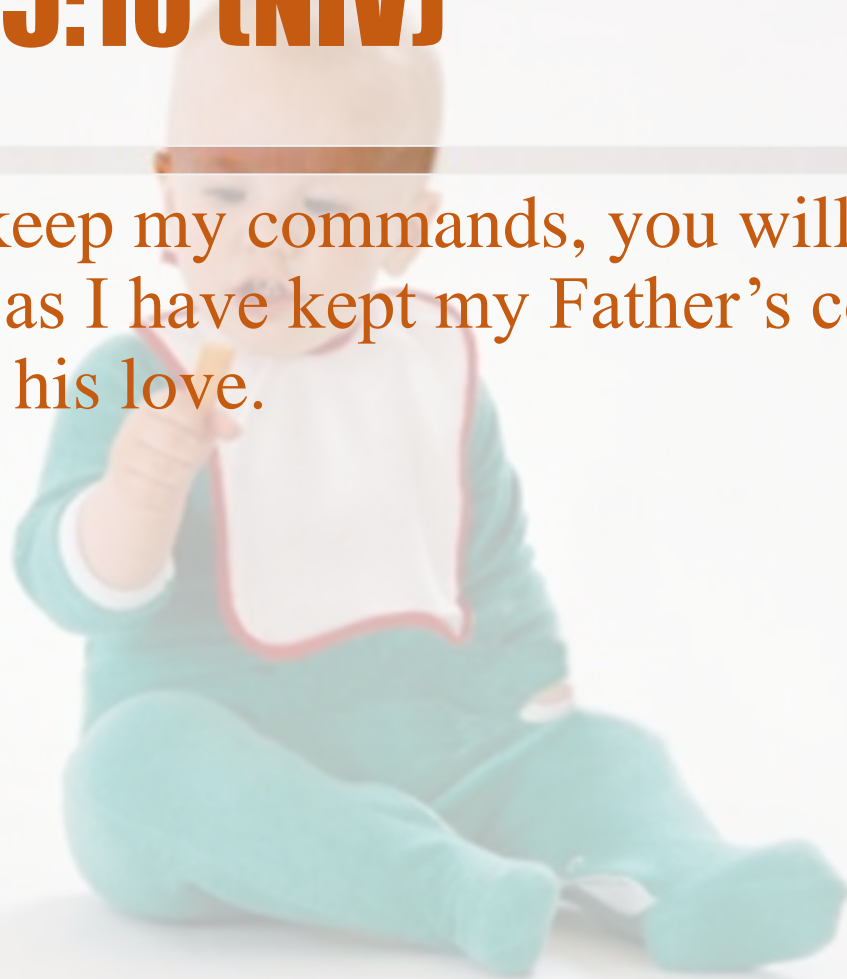


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John 15:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.



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Psalm 19:8 (NIV)

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.



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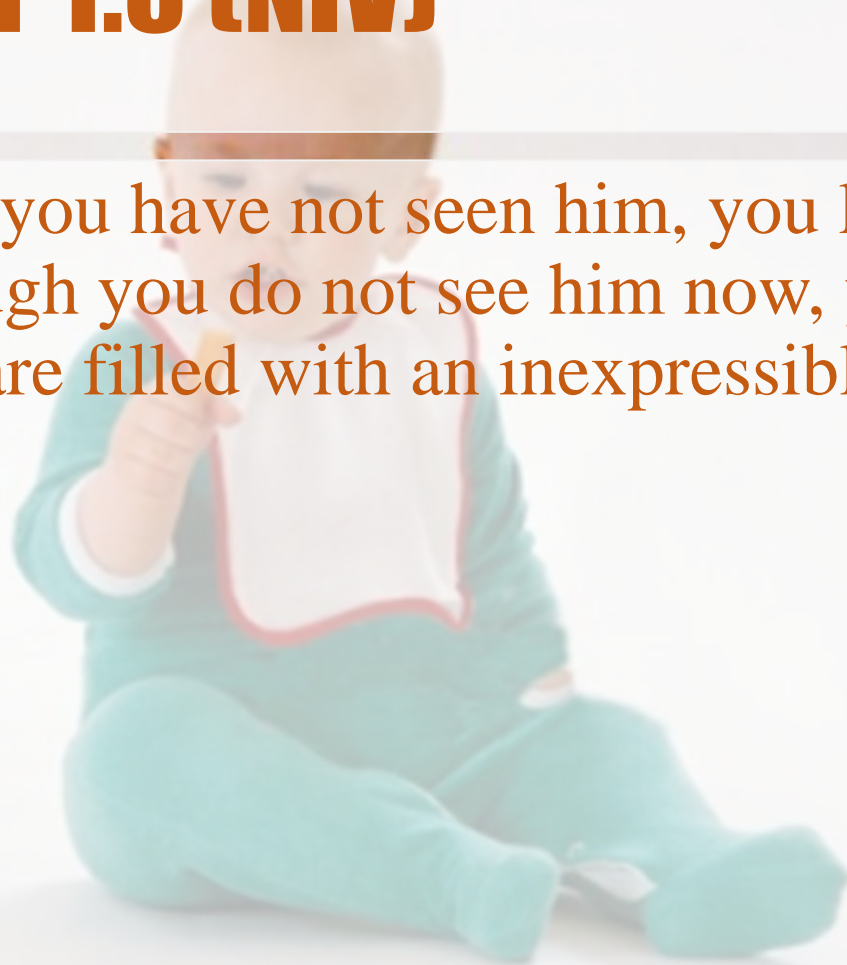


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1 Peter 1:8 (NIV)

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,



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Psalm 71:23 (NIV)

²³ My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—I whom you have delivered.



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