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*Connecting People to  
God's Life-Changing  
Power*

*We've Got  
Connections!*

Surely  
this is the day  
for which we waited;  
We have reached it,  
we have seen it.

*Lamentations 2:16*

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## Could This Be Your Day?

You've heard people say, "What a difference a day makes". True, circumstances can turn on a dime in one day, but enjoyment of life doesn't need to follow. Do you hitch your happiness to current or past events? What must happen in your life, or what needs to be erased from your life for you to experience the joy of the Lord?

### One Day...

For some folks, happiness will be unveiled in the shape of a dream home or a raise at work. Others believe joy walks and talks in the person of Mr. or Mrs. Right. But if we're not joyful in our current marital status, income or dwelling place, will change yield the ideal result?

Think about it:

\*A raise in income is usually accompanied by a raise in expectations. Do we fantasize those expectations would have no domino impact on leisure, stress levels and family and church relationships?

\*A bigger house means greater utility bills and home repair workload. Time to start dreaming again about a raise?

\*Single person, can another human being ever make you happy? So many newlyweds have been totally disillusioned even before the end of the honeymoon. Married person, would a different spouse be easier to mold? Would your "upgrade" come with all the same good features you now take for granted in the old model? Someone might

say, "Anyone would be better than this, plus, now I know how to choose". Oh really? Then why is the divorce rate for second marriages much higher than first marriages?

### "Do Over" Day(s)?

Some people wish they could erase a day or days in their past. They have buried their happiness alongside the skeleton of some bad choice. Yet the joy of salvation in Christ is He doesn't hold our past against us. So why would we punish ourselves? Someone says, "It is not forgiveness that is the problem - it's the consequences". Does fretting over consequences diminish their impact? Doesn't it make more sense to redeem our attitude toward consequences as well?

### The Day of the Great Robbery

Mr. or Mrs. Right can't give joy, but don't allow Mr. or Mrs. Hurt to take it away either. God is greater than any pain—He heals and supplies everything we need to overcome.

Contentment and happiness are from the Lord, not money, dwellings or people. We should draw joy and peace from Him, and the strength to handle broken dreams. The key to joy is Psalm 118:24, "This (today) is the day the Lord has made, I *will* rejoice and be glad in it". You see, God is on His throne today. He made today for you to enjoy Him first of all and to be content in His sovereignty over His creation. Whether our circumstances match our dreams is irrelevant when we focus on the glorious relationship we have with Him. All the things of this earth will pass away. So choose to find joy in Him today.

-Joe Fornear

