

Joy Even When

Our problems are big, but the
joy available to us in Christ is
BIGGER.

These assets I've come to regard as
liabilities because of Christ.

I regard them as **dung**.

Joy Even When...

It's Not About Me.

Joy Even When...
Accomplishments Don't
Matter.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the kingdom of heaven - only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day, many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many powerful deeds in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you. Go away from me, you lawbreakers!’”

- Matt. 7:21-23

Joy Even When...
Our Achievements
are Liabilities.

Liability...

- The state of being responsible for something, especially by law.
- A person or thing whose presence or behavior is likely to cause embarrassment or put one at a disadvantage.

Paul chooses not to boast about what he's done for Christ but about **what Christ has done for him.**

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Our Achievements
are DUNG.

Joy Even When...
We Share in
Christ's Sufferings.

What is your aim?

Jesus, I pray that all the things I once thought were so important would pale compared to the high privilege of knowing You as my Master.

I want to dump it all in the trash so that I can embrace You and be embraced by You.

God, I don't want some petty, inferior
brand of righteousness that comes
from keeping a list of rules.

I want the robust kind that comes
from trusting Christ—
Your righteousness, God.

Jesus, I give up all that inferior stuff
so I can focus my aim
on knowing You personally,
experiencing Your resurrection power,
being a partner in Your suffering,
and going with You to death itself.
In Your name, Amen.