



“It Is Not A Good Report That I Hear”

1Samuel 2:24 - “No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD'S people transgress.”

# Genesis 37:31-35

- “So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. 32 Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not? 33 And he recognized it and said, It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces. 34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. 35 And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning. Thus his father wept for him.”

# Verify

- 1Thes. 5:21 - “Test all things; hold fast what is good.”

# Pray

- Luke 18:1 - “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart”
- 1Peter 5:6-7 - “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

# Think

- Phil. 4:8 - “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.”

# Talk

- Rom. 12:15 - “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”
- 1Cor. 12:25-26 - “That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.”

# Accept

- Rom. 8:28 - “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

# Act

- Rom. 12:11 - “Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord”
- Col. 3:23 - “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men”
- James 4:17 - “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

# Rejoice

- Phil. 4:4 - “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”
- 1Thes. 5:16 - “Rejoice always”

# Rejoice

- We rejoice because God is in control in good or bad times.
- We rejoice remembering that we still have our blessings in Christ, regardless of what else may be taken away.
- We rejoice in the future hope of all children of God.

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- How a believer and follower of God receives bad news
  - Job 1:13-22
  - Job 2:7-10