

## Sooner or later, happiness always gets interrupted by life.

#### Joy is impervious to life.

### Joy keeps us present in the present.

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God, People, Life & You

What I believe about God, what I believe about life, what I believe about you, and what I believe about myself makes joy either impossible or possible.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1:6 NLT

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#### We are all in process.

## I'm not there yet and neither are you, so let's cut each other some slack.

How clearly this strikes at the heart of attitudes that divide us from each other. We separate ourselves from others because we believe they are on the wrong track and we are on the right one...

they believe wrong, or they do things we regard as wrong. And we completely lose sight of the fact that God is as much at work in them as he is in us. Oh that we might have confidence in God's work in each other.

If we did, we would not see each other as those from whom to separate ourselves lest we be containminated but as those from whom we can learn and whom we can help along the way.

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Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. Philippians 2:12 NLT For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

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God is creating a masterpiece, and you're it.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

Joy is knowing that my past is forgiven, my present has meaning, and my future is secure.