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1. Jesus brings _____ into our lives! (v.19)

Before we got connected to Jesus, we were all natural born enemies of God because of our sin. We had no hope, no peace, and no future. When we heard the good news of the gospel and believed it and placed our faith in Jesus, _____ changed! Jesus saved us, healed us, transformed us! We became new creations!

(2 Corinthians 5:17; Psalm 30:11)

We have a reason to celebrate! Jesus changes everything! We now have access to _____ joy!

Our joy is not dependent on our _____! Our joy is from Jesus! **(Luke 2:10-11; John 15:11)**

The joy Jesus gives us _____ us in every situation and gives us the ability to _____ in every situation!

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(Matthew 6:16-18)

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We must be continually dealing with our sin! Fasting is a way to devote yourselves to God and to seek His _____ in your battle with sin.

There may be times when fasting helps us get back on track if we have veered off course in our _____ with Jesus.

The more we reflect on what our joy cost Jesus, the more we will seek to deal with any sin that is _____ our joy!

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