

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

For the Joy

Hebrews 12:1-3

♩ = 84

B \flat D m^7 D m $\frac{Dm}{F}$ E \flat E \flat M7 $\frac{Gm}{E}$ F sus F

1. Look up to Je - sus. Love in His name,
2. Trust in the Fa - ther Just like the Son.
3. Saints of all a - ges, Faith - ful and true,

$\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ B \flat $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ D m^7 $\frac{Dm^7}{F}$ E \flat $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ F $^7_{sus}$ F 7

Shar - ing His suf - fring, Bear - ing His shame
Go in His Spir - it. Faith - ful - ly run
All urge us on - ward, Cheer - ing us through

Refrain

$\frac{E\flat}{F}$ F 9 B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ B \flat B \flat M7 B \flat D B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{B\flat M^7}{D}$ E \flat $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$ $\frac{E\flat Ebadd^9}{G}$ $\frac{Cm}{F}$ $\frac{Cm^7}{F}$ F $^7_{sus}$ F 7

For the joy, for the joy, For His love, to His glo - ry, For His

B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ B \flat B \flat M7 G m $\frac{Gm}{D}$ G m $\frac{Gm}{F}$ E \flat $\frac{B\flat^6}{D}$ C m $\frac{Dm}{F}$ F $\frac{E\flat}{F}$ F 9

death, for His life, For to - day and for - ev - er. Fol - low

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

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G^m G^m G^m E^b E^b C^{m7} E^b F⁹ B^b B^b B^b

D F D

on, fol - low on for the joy!

The image shows a musical score for the lyrics "on, fol - low on for the joy!". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. Above the treble staff, there are chord symbols: Gm, Gm/D, Gm/F, Eb, Eb/D, Cm7, Eb/F, F9, Bb, Bb/F, and Bb. The melody in the treble staff starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass staff starts with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note Bb2, and a half note C3. The lyrics "on," are under the first measure, "fol - low" under the second, "on" under the third, "for the" under the fourth, and "joy!" under the fifth. There are some musical notations like slurs and ties in both staves.

TOPICS: Jesus' Suffering & Death; Lent-Easter; Serving in Christ's Name; Suffering for Christ

LEAD-IN: *Since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3, NASB)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

For the Joy

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Jesus endured unimaginable suffering
physically, emotionally, and spiritually,
not out of obligation,
but “*for the joy set before Him*” (v.2).

The scripture emphasizes Jesus' complete humiliation before His enemies
every step of the way.
Crucifixion itself was designed for humiliation, and
the place of crucifixion was chosen for maximum public visibility.
The Jewish leaders, the most “holy” and respectable men of their day,
mocked and ridiculed Him even as He was in the grip of searing pain.

Yet Jesus endured all this “*for the joy set before Him*”.
He “*despised the shame*” (v.2).
That means He dismissed all that shame, that humiliation,
as unworthy of consideration.
He faced His trial “*for the joy set before Him*”.

Remember what Jesus was longing to share with His disciples
only hours before His suffering?

*“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your
joy made be made full.”* (John 15:11, NASB)

All who love and trust Jesus share His remarkable joy.
Our Father graciously gives each believer a precious gift:
He allows us a small share in Christ’s joyful sufferings.
He calls us to give ourselves, to sacrifice ourselves for others.

As I look at the sacrifices that have come into my life –
sacrifices for my wife, my children, and my grandchildren,
for the ministry God has given me –

I find that for the most part, I make those sacrifices,
not out of obligation,
not for glory or gold,
but out of love...
out of joy.

I joyfully sacrifice out of
love for my family and friends,
love for my Father, and
love for the beautiful truth He has revealed to me.

Love brings joy, and
I find great joy in helping those I love.

I love God, and
I find great joy in glorifying Him –
in helping people see how great and good and ever-present He is.

Father, give me the heart of Christ.
Fill my life, my service, my every daily activity
with His joyful self-giving.
Help me to live and love and labor every day
for the joy.