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"TO LISTEN ATTENTIVELY OR TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION,
OFTEN USED TO URGE SOMEONE TO LISTEN."



LUKE 2:10-11 NLT

¹⁰BUT THE ANGEL REASSURED THEM. "DON'T BE AFRAID!" HE SAID. "I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT WILL BRING GREAT JOY TO ALL PEOPLE. ¹¹THE SAVIOR — YES, THE MESSIAH, THE LORD — HAS BEEN BORN TODAY IN BETHLEHEM, THE CITY OF DAVID!"

1 PETER 1:8 NLT

⁸YOU LOVE HIM EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN HIM. THOUGH YOU DO NOT SEE HIM NOW, YOU TRUST HIM; AND YOU REJOICE WITH A GLORIOUS, INEXPRESSIBLE JOY.

JOY IS NOT SITUATIONAL
— IT'S POSITIONAL —
IN JESUS.



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PHILIPPIANS 4:4 NIV

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. I WILL SAY IT AGAIN: REJOICE!

ACTS 9:16 NLT

¹⁶"I WILL SHOW HIM HOW MUCH HE MUST SUFFER FOR MY NAME."



PSALM 119:92 NLT

92 IF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS HADN'T SUSTAINED ME WITH JOY,
I WOULD HAVE DIED IN MY MISERY.



PSALM 22:26 NLT

26 THE POOR WILL EAT AND BE SATISFIED.
ALL WHO SEEK THE LORD WILL PRAISE HIM.
THEIR HEARTS WILL REJOICE WITH EVERLASTING JOY.



HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE THIS TYPE OF GLORIOUS, INEXPRESSIBLE JOY?

→ WE REJOICE BEFORE WE FEEL LIKE IT.

→ WE RECOGNIZE THAT JESUS IS THE "GREAT JOY."



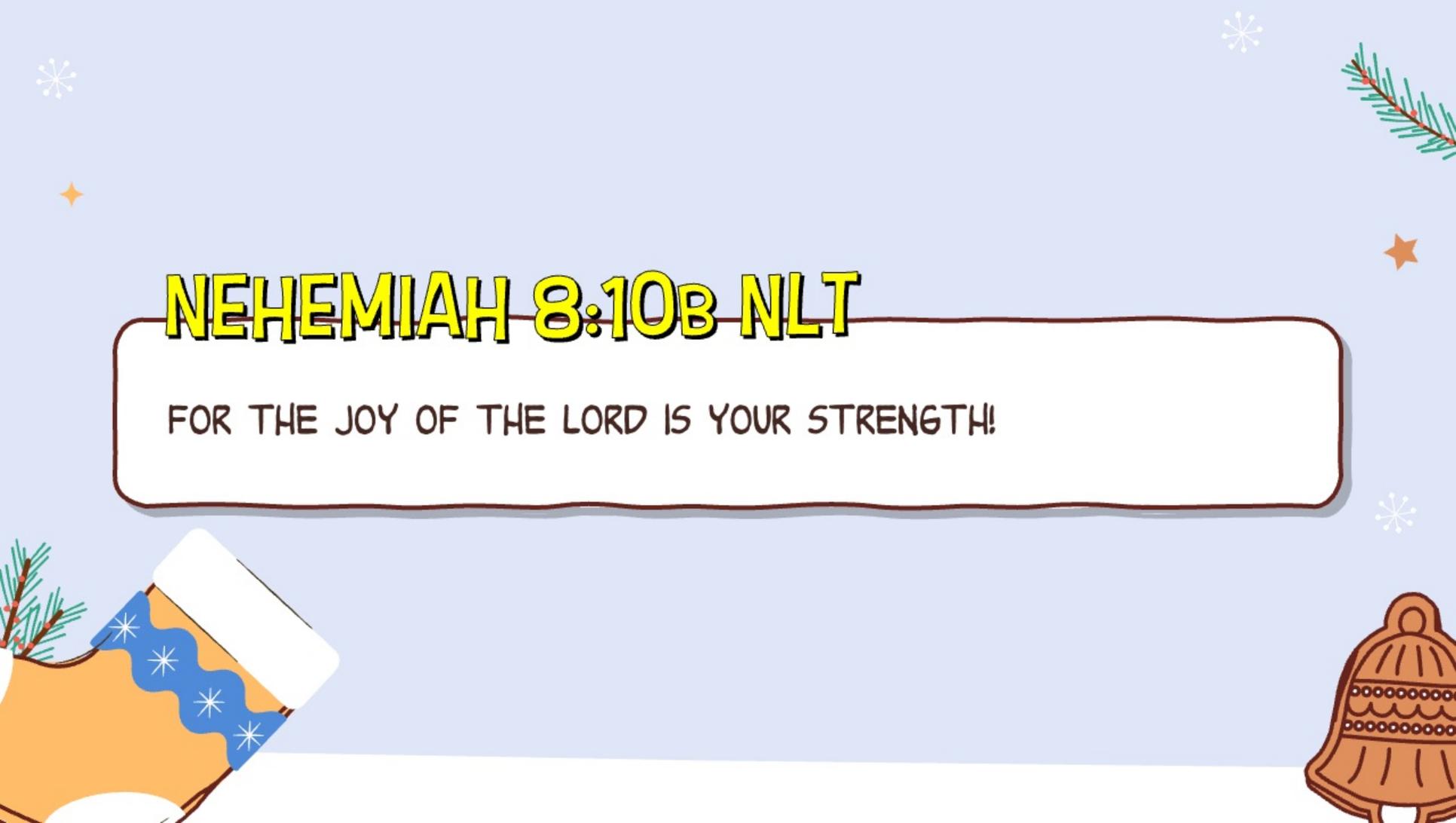
PSALM 43:4 NLT

4 THERE I WILL GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD,
TO GOD—THE SOURCE OF ALL MY JOY.
I WILL PRAISE YOU WITH MY HARP,
O GOD, MY GOD!



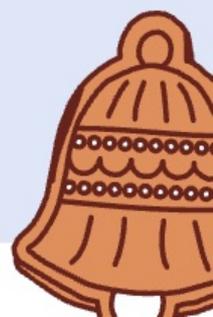
GOD NOT ONLY GIVES
JOY, HE IS THE
ESSENCE OF JOY.





NEHEMIAH 8:10B NLT

FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH!



ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE FORMS
OF WITNESSING IS NOT TELLING
OTHERS ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF PAIN
IN OUR LIVES, BUT THE JOY WE CARRY
IN THE MIDST OF PAIN.



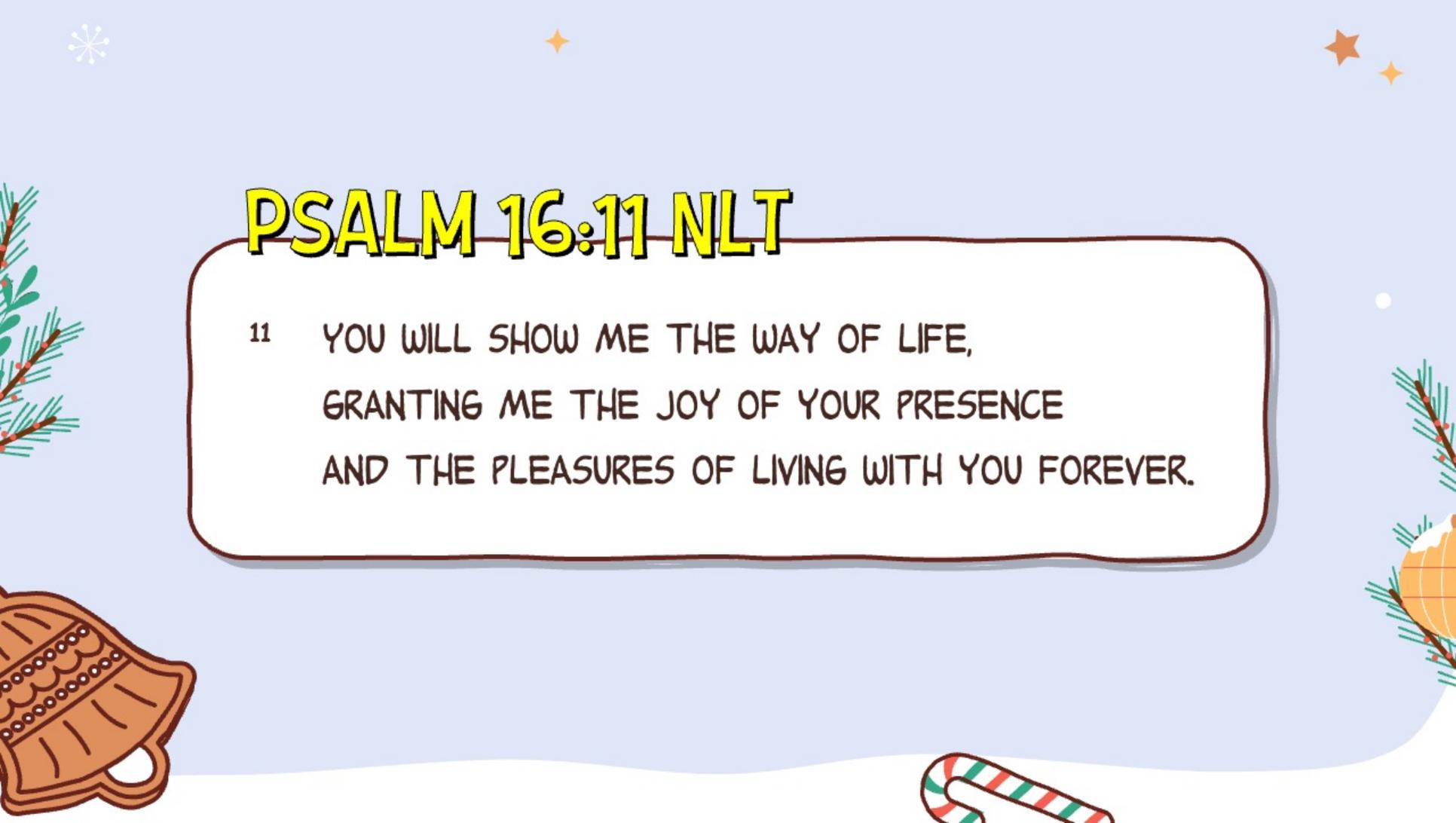
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→ WE CHOOSE JOY BY CHOOSING JESUS.



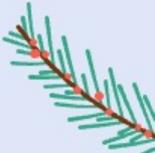


PSALM 16:11 NLT

11 YOU WILL SHOW ME THE WAY OF LIFE,
GRANTING ME THE JOY OF YOUR PRESENCE
AND THE PLEASURES OF LIVING WITH YOU FOREVER.

THE FEELING OF JOY IS AN
EMOTION, BUT THE FOUNDATION
OF JOY IS JESUS.





ROMANS 15:13 NLT

¹³I PRAY THAT GOD, THE SOURCE OF HOPE, WILL FILL YOU COMPLETELY WITH JOY AND PEACE BECAUSE YOU TRUST IN HIM. THEN YOU WILL OVERFLOW WITH CONFIDENT HOPE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



WILL YOU FIX YOUR FOCUS ON
JESUS AND LET HIM BE YOUR
GREAT JOY?

