



“I’m claiming my right to be unhappy.”



"Meanwhile we groan..."

2 Cor. 5:2

"In me you will have peace, in this life you will have trouble."

John 16:33

"It has been granted to you not only to believe in Christ, but to suffer for him as well."

Phil. 1:29

"Don't be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering as if something strange were happening to you."

1 Pet. 4:12



"You must do you...whatever that means for you...no one can tell you otherwise...God included...your happiness is all that matters."



"Okay, then I'm claiming the right to be unhappy."

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up

James 4:4-10



“You don’t seem happy.”



“God’s kindness leads us to repentance.”



“My dear brothers”

“You adulterous people”



“But he gives us more grace...”



1. Submit to God and resist the devil and he will flee



2. Come near to God and he will come near to you



*3. Wash your hands and purify your hearts,
you double-minded*



4. Grieve, mourn, and wail



“Certainty is a sign of spiritual abuse in a church”



“Are you certain?”

Everyone is certain of what they are certain about



*5. Change your laughter to mourning
and your joy to gloom*



*6. Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will lift you up*



-There is no need to stay in shame-