

Series: Surviving or Thriving?

Title: JOY AND CONTENTMENT OR MISERY AND CONCERN

Text: Romans 11:25-36

I JOY AND CONTENTMENT COMES FROM UNDERSTANDING AND EMBRACING THE MYSTERY OF BEING CONNECTED TO GOD (25-32)

A. There is Purpose to life: Magnify Him (Isa. 43:6-7)

B. There's a big problem in doing so: We're disconnected from God. (

C. There is a solution: Get reconnected through Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:1; 15:13)

II JOY AND CONTENTMENT REQUIRES GOING DEEP IN THAT CONNECTION (33-36)

A. It's not about shallowness or superficiality

B. There is the depth of His riches:

C. There is the depth of His ways:

Definitions:

1. Joy: The positive hope that I have in knowing and trusting God in spite of my circumstances.

2. Contentment: Enjoying God along the detours of life.

Application:

1. Get Connected to God.

✓Through Christ (Psa. 16:11; Jn. 4:13-14; 15:11; 16:24; Neh. 8:10)

2. Go deep with God (Phil. 4:11-12)

✓It takes time (Prov. 16:1-3)

✓It takes Training (1 Tim. 4:7-8)

✓It takes Tools