

A dirt road winds through a forest. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The road is the central focus, leading the eye into the distance. The trees are dense and their leaves are a mix of green and brown, suggesting an autumn or late summer setting. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

choose joy

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If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24



Joy in Persecution

Believers can choose joy in
the midst of persecution
because it's a sign of their
salvation.

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Philippians 1:27



27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, **28** and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. **29** For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, **30** engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 15: 18-19

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing

James 1:2-4

But rejoice insofar as you share in Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

1 Peter 4:13

**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**Is there an area of your walk
with God in which you have
been compromising?**