

H.E.A.R.
1 John 1:1-4

H: 1 John 1: 4- We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete (NLT says so that you may fully share our joy.)

E: John is writing a testimony about Jesus to other believers. Was written sometime around 80 AD. John had left Jerusalem due to persecution against the church by the Roman armies. John wrote this epistle to encourage believers in the Roman province of Asia to remain steadfast in Christ, and he denounced those who had not remained in the apostolic fellowship. John knew the joy that he and the other apostles had experienced in Jesus and wanted others to share in that joy! He wanted them to experience Jesus.

A: John was urging the believers to be in fellowship with the apostles and the joy of Christ should be what drives them and keeps them together. The same is true for me today. I need to take what I see the Lord doing in my life and others and let that be the sounding board of giving the Lord the praise He deserves. I need to make sure, especially during these times that the Lord is where my Joy begins and He is what my joy is centered around.

R: Lord, may you continue to be my joy in all that is going on. In stead of talking about what could be done differently, may today I give you the praise for who You are and what You have done and let the Joy I have in you be a witness to others so that they want that same joy in their lives.