

Imagine everlasting happiness

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is possible with God” — Jesus*



Has there been a moment in your life when you felt truly and deeply happy? What was it that brought you happiness in that moment? How did it end and why? Can you imagine it never ending?

Strange as it may sound, one of my happiest moments was waking up in a hospital bed after surgery. After over two years of chronic and acute pain I was pain free. My body was warm and relaxed. My husband and six-month-old baby lay asleep in beds beside me, and all felt right with the world.

These happy moments in life give us a glimpse of God's goodness and his intended life for us. The warmth of sunshine on a cold day. The sparkle of delight in a child's eyes. A delicious meal with laughter. Holding hands with your loved one. Snuggling under a blanket at night. God created us and our world for pleasure and joy and beauty.

Yet because of our rejection of God they are only glimpses, teasing glimmers of the everlasting happiness we were created to have in the presence of God. In this broken world, separated from God by our sin, pain killers wear off. Sickness returns. Babies wake up and grow up. The cold rain starts again. The meal ends. Our lover hurts us. Death looms. Morning comes and another day wrestling

the thorns and thistles of this earth must be faced.

Happiness is only ever fleeting in this world. Still our souls long for the unending beauty, joy and happiness we were designed for. We hunger for the impossible.

But Jesus said:

“What is impossible for people is possible for God.” Luke 18:27

Jesus is God come to earth to bridge the separation between us and God, between us and everlasting happiness with God. Everlasting happiness is still possible for us but only through Jesus. Not in this world but in the next. Will you trust Jesus to give you the impossible your soul longs for?

PRAYER

Dear God,

My soul longs for the everlasting happiness you created me for. I acknowledge I have rejected and ignored you, the source of life, beauty and joy. Please forgive me. I trust Jesus to bridge the gap between you and me. May I live my life looking forward to never-ending joy with you.

Amen.