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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
He's Got Your World in His Hands
John 3.22-36

The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. John 3.35

John the Baptist's disciples are worried because Jesus is growing in popularity and John is losing disciples that are now learning under Jesus. John shows no concern over this but rejoices that he has been successful in the role that God has called on him to fulfill. How do you find joy when you lose?

How to live with the mindset that Jesus "has my life in his hands"
OR How to find joy when you lose:

- 1. Be grateful and celebrate God's blessings but be aware of the **JOY** **-ROBBERS** .

"A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. v27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1.17

- 2. Discover your **ROLE** in God's kingdom.

'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' v28

- 3. More Jesus, **LESS ME** .

He must become greater; I must become less... v30

*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and take up their cross daily and **follow me.**"* Luke 9.23

Philippians 2.3-8

- 4. True joy is only found in a **COMMITMENT** to Jesus. Don't be **THAT GUY** who doesn't accept the testimony of Jesus. v32

The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony... v31-32

- 5. Listen less to those **AROUND** you and more to the one **ABOVE** you.

The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all... v31

Who are you listening to?

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?