



**PART  
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## The Advent of Joy

**Because of Jesus, you can stop beating yourself up over your past**

*I am radiant with joy because of your mercy.* — Psalm 31:7, TLB

**Because of Jesus, we can overcome our present circumstances**

*Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord.*  
— 2 Corinthians 6:10, TLB

**Because of Jesus, we can enjoy our journey into the future**

*This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*  
— Psalm 118:24, NLT