

***JOY...***

***is a team sport***

***Philippians 2:1-4***

***1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy...***





***<sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.***

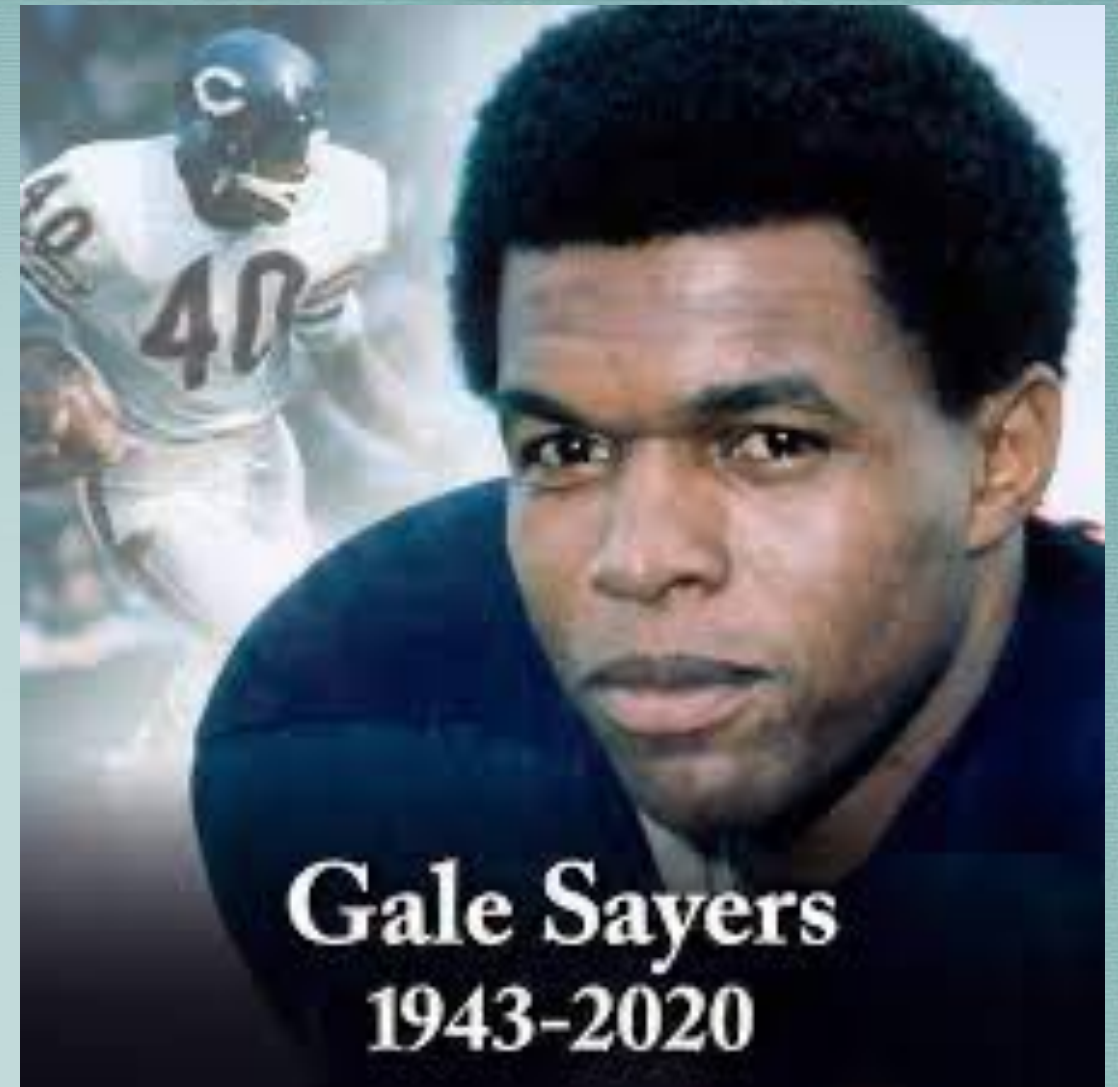
***<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.***

***4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.***



***I AM  
THIRD***

***“Jesus...  
comes first.  
Others come second.  
I am third.”***

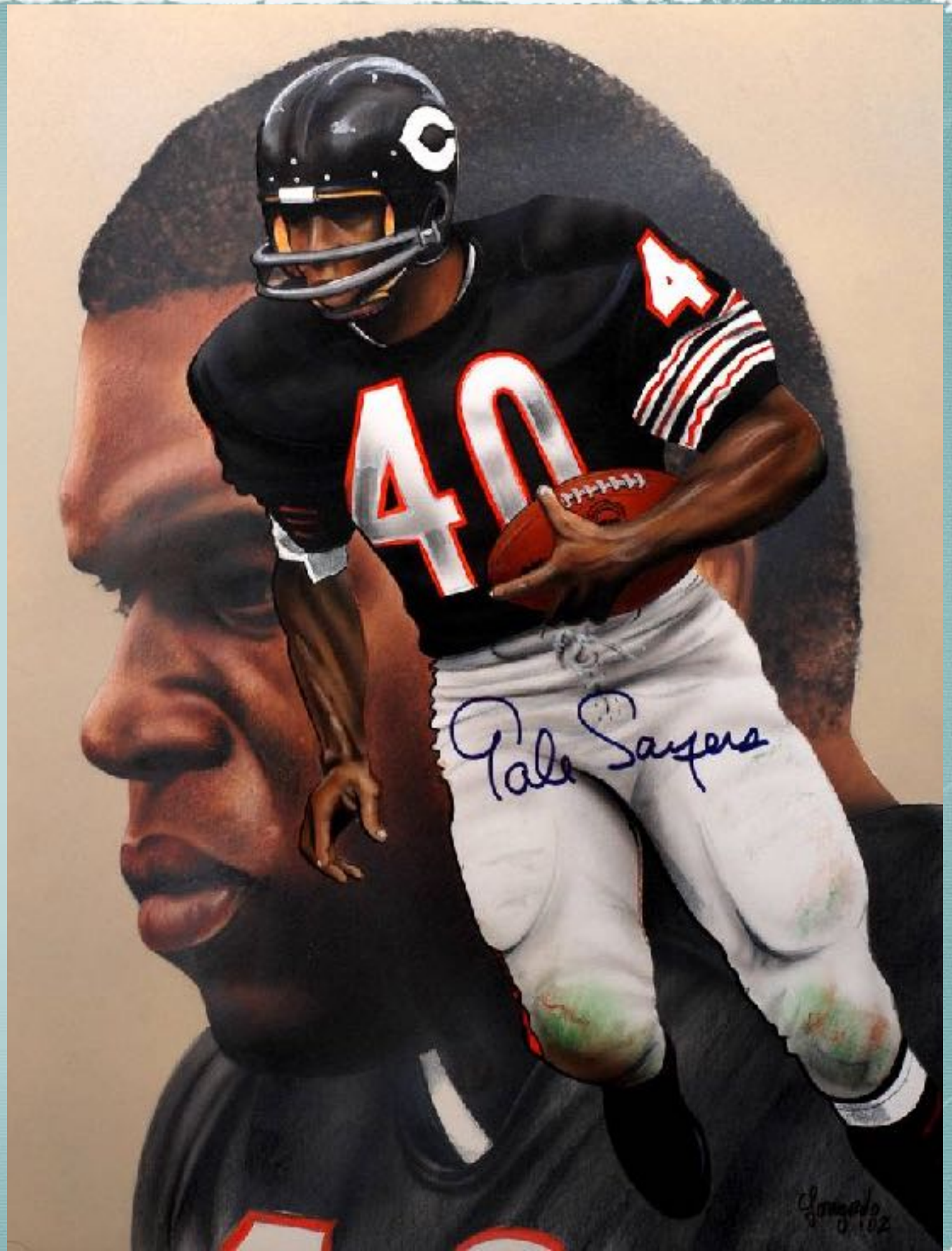




*Jesus*

*Others*

*You*







***Let's VOTE!***



***<sup>1</sup> If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—***



***<sup>2</sup> then do me a favor:  
Agree with each other,  
love each other, be deep-  
spirited friends. <sup>3</sup> Don't  
push your way to the front;  
don't sweet-talk your way  
to the top.***

***4 Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.***



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NEW!!!  
NO FEAR!!!



# Dallas Willard on Joy...

***“Joy...  
is a pervading sense  
of well-being...”***

*“Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in all things.”* **Kay Warren**



*“Joy is not gush;  
Joy is not jolliness.  
Joy is simply perfect  
acquiescence in God’s will...  
the soul delighting itself  
in God Himself.”*

***H.W. Webb-Peploe***

# How we do Joy...

## ***Routine***





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*Create FUN*  
*Create EVENTS*



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**FEAR-BASED**  
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***“I sometimes wonder  
whether all pleasures  
are not substitutes  
for joy.”***

***C. S. Lewis***



# JESUS on Joy...

**<sup>9</sup> I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. You must go on living in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments you will live in my love just**

...as I have kept my Father's commandments and live in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that you can share my joy, and that your joy may be complete.



JESUS...

*LOVE & JOY...*

*are best friends...*

**<sup>12</sup> This is my command-ment:  
that you love each other as I  
have loved you.**

**<sup>13</sup> There is no greater love  
than this—that a man  
should lay down his life for  
his friends.**



JESUS...

*Spread My joy  
by...*

*Loving one another*

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I tell you to do. <sup>15</sup> I shall not call you servants any longer, for a servant does not share his master's confidence. No, I call you friends, now, because....



**...I have told you everything  
that I have heard from the  
Father.**

**JESUS...**

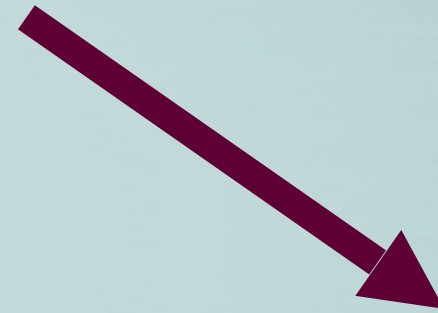
***Real JOY always  
begins...***

***by obeying Jesus***



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**God's Love**

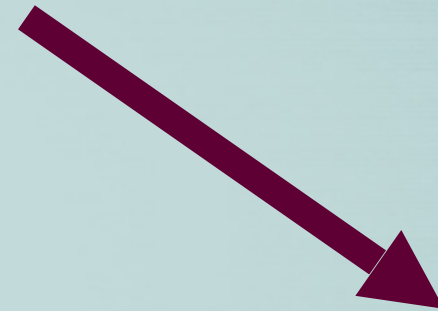


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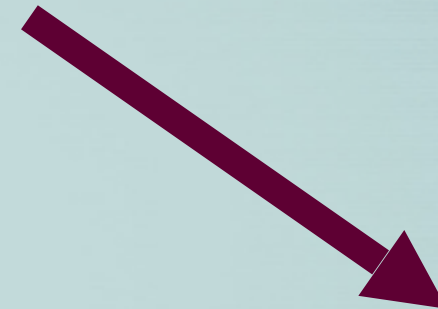


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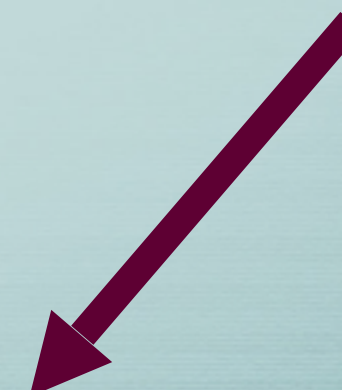
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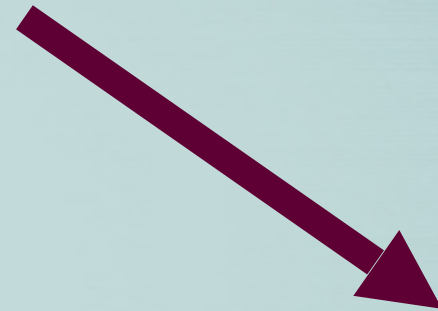
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***4 This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience—it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive: it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.***

***5 Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people.***



***<sup>6</sup> On the contrary, it is glad  
with all good men when  
truth prevails. <sup>7-8a</sup> Love  
knows no limit to its  
endurance, no end to its  
trust, no fading of its hope;***

***...it can outlast anything. It is,  
in fact, the one thing that still  
stands when all else has  
fallen.***



# One Anothers...

1. Ask Jesus to lead you where He wants you.
2. Scan the list.
3. Whichever one jumps out, ask Jesus to help you begin to practice it.

