



TO BE (WITH) OR NOT TO BE (WITH), THAT IS THE QUESTION!

As the body of Christ, we can flash back to the life of Jesus and witness how he rejoiced in the success of his disciples and also wept with those who were hurting.

Romans 12:15: *"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn"*.

1. **Enter into the _____ of others** - by delighting and being glad when others are experiencing success, blessings, and good situations in life.

"You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." Hebrews 1:9

"Your throne, O God,^[a] will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

⁷ You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." Psalms 45:6-7

John 3:27–30

2. **Enter the _____ of others** - and minister the love and peace of Jesus.

John 11:35

Entering people's pain can be very challenging to us for several reasons:

(1) Fear of not _____ what to say or do. (Remember, we do not need to say anything, but simply be present with them and listen if they want to talk.)

(2) Being too _____. (Weeping with those who are hurting takes time—a lot of time. Yet Jesus went out of his way to comfort those in pain.)

(3) Being _____ you won't be able to answer their questions. (Again, we aren't there to provide answers but to provide comfort.)

(4) Being _____ we can't fix their sorrow. (It is not our job to fix them. Their healing will be a journey with the Father.)

1 Corinthians 12:26

With the help of the Holy Spirit, My Next Step today is:

- I will look for ways to rejoice with those who rejoice.
- I will practice the ministry of presence when someone is mourning.
- I would like to know more about grief and how I can mourn with those who mourn, please contact me.