

Restored Joy

A Journey Back to Grace



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A short story of falling, brokenness, awakening, grace, and the faithful journey home to the joy God restores.

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Chapter 1: The Fall

It started on a Tuesday. The weight of the world felt too heavy for Elijah. His life had become a blur of endless deadlines, shallow conversations, and an aching emptiness that no amount of social media likes or instant coffee could fill. One careless decision, one late-night text, and his entire world came crashing down.

Elijah had always been seen as the dependable one—the friend who would drop everything to help, the coworker who never missed a deadline, the son who never spoke back. But beneath the mask was a man teetering on the edge, afraid to admit he was lost.

Psalm 51:12 echoed in his heart like a distant melody he couldn't quite catch. 'Restore to me the joy of Your salvation...' But how? How could he find that joy when everything felt broken beyond repair?

He stared at his reflection in the mirror, the shame staring back at him like an unwelcome guest. He knew something had to change. But first, he had to face the truth: he had fallen, and he couldn't get up on his own.

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