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C.S. LEWIS

The Writer Who Found Joy

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REMEMBER

“You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; at your right hand are eternal pleasures.” Psalm 16:11

READ

On a hot summer day, you might enjoy playing in the yard with a sprinkler. I have fond childhood memories of sprinklers, sparklers, and Slip ‘N Slides. But if your garden hose is the same as mine, it doesn’t take much for it to become kinked and the water fun to abruptly end. The enjoyment is cut short because the sprinkler no longer has access to the source of water.

Life can be a bit like that too sometimes. There can be moments when our access to joy is blocked for one reason or another. Psalm 16:11 reminds us that God is our path to joy, because God is the source of all joy. Like a garden hose that is no longer working properly, when we aren’t regularly experiencing God’s presence by praying, thinking about Him, reading the Bible, and spending time with other believers, the joy of our lives quits flowing and begins to simply drip or run dry altogether. If we want to know true joy, like C.S. Lewis found, it all begins by focusing on God, the source of abundant joy.

THINK

1. What event first made young C.S. Lewis begin doubting God?
2. What kind of questions do you think he had about God because of that event?
3. The book says that questions about joy followed C.S. Lewis around like a stray dog everywhere he went. What do you think that means?
4. What are some of the things God used to lead C.S. Lewis to faith?
5. How can you know the kind of joy C.S. Lewis found?