

New Life

Be Joyful

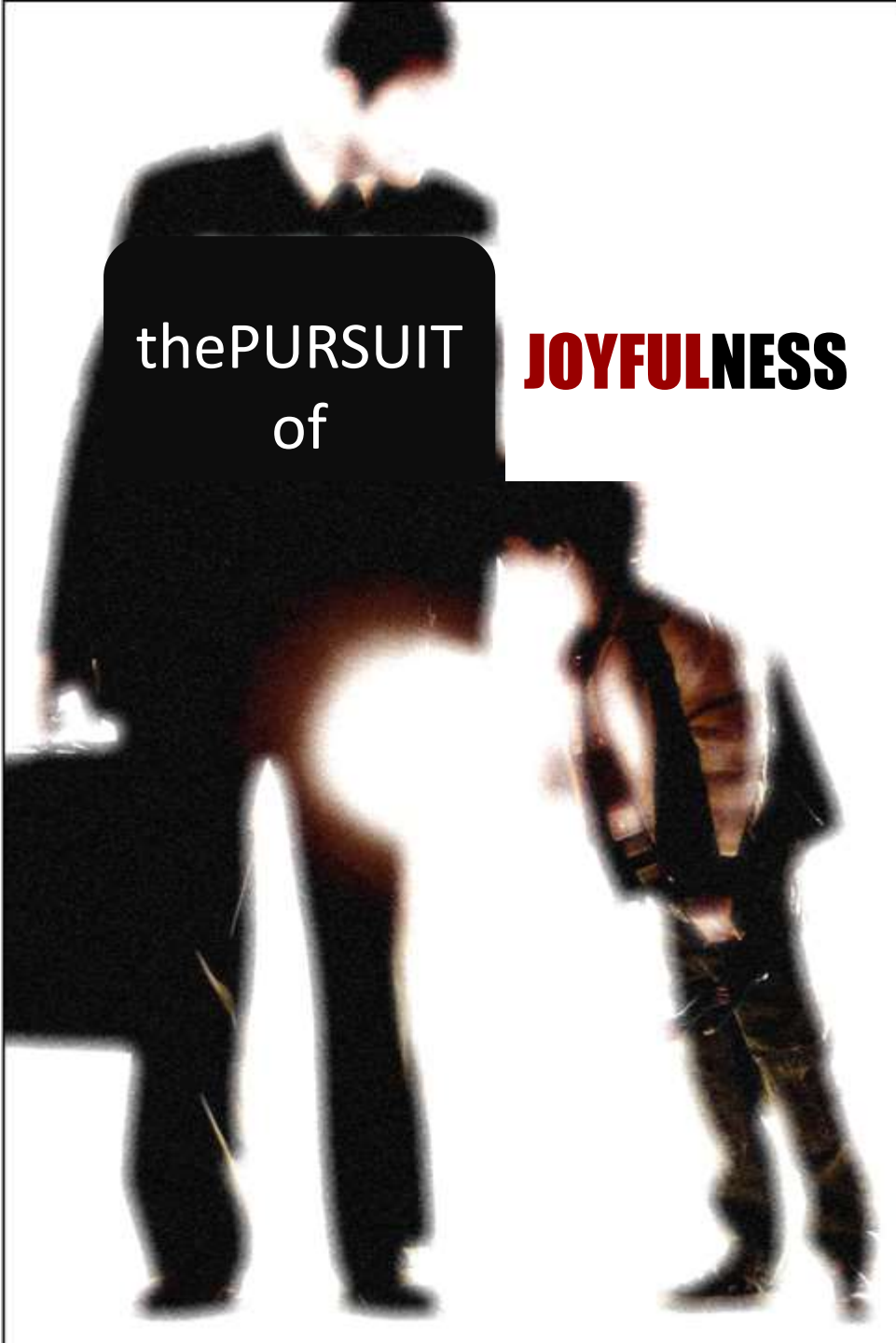
What put a smile on your face?



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A movie poster for 'The Pursuit of Happyness'. It features a man in a dark suit (Will Smith) holding a briefcase and a young boy (Jaden Smith) in a jacket and backpack. They are silhouetted against a bright light source, creating a warm, golden glow. The man is looking down at the boy, who is looking up at him. The title 'the PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS' is overlaid on the image.

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What is JOY?

- A joy to behold
- Bursting with joy
- Jump/Leap for joy
- Bundle of joy
- Joy of missing out
- Pride and joy



What does JOYFUL mean?

- According to Dictionary.com, joyful means:
 - Full of joy, as a person or one's heart; glad; delighted
 - Showing or expressing joy, as looks, actions, or speech
 - Causing or bringing joy, as an event, a sight, or news; delightful

What does it mean to PURSUE?

- According to Merriam-webster.com, pursue means:
 - To follow in order to overtake, capture, kill, or defeat
 - To find or employ measures to obtain or accomplish
 - To proceed along
 - To engage in



Psalm 30: 1-3

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

Psalm 30: 4-6

Sing to the Lord, you saints of his;
praise his holy name. For his anger
lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts
a lifetime; weeping may remain for a
night, but rejoicing comes in the
morning.

John 15: 9-11

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Ruth 1: 3-5

Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1: 8-9a

Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”

Ruth 1: 16

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God...”

Isaiah 40: 30-31

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Nehemiah 8: 10c

Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is
your strength.

1 Kings 18: 36

At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.

1 Kings 18: 37-38

Answer me, so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”
Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

1 Kings 18: 38 NLT

Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust.

Ruth 1: 17-18

Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Psalm 5: 11-12

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Psalm 16: 7-9

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me. I
have set the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not
be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad
and my tongue rejoices; my body also
will rest secure,

Psalm 16: 10-11

because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

1 Peter 1: 3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—
kept in heaven for you,

1 Peter 1: 5-6

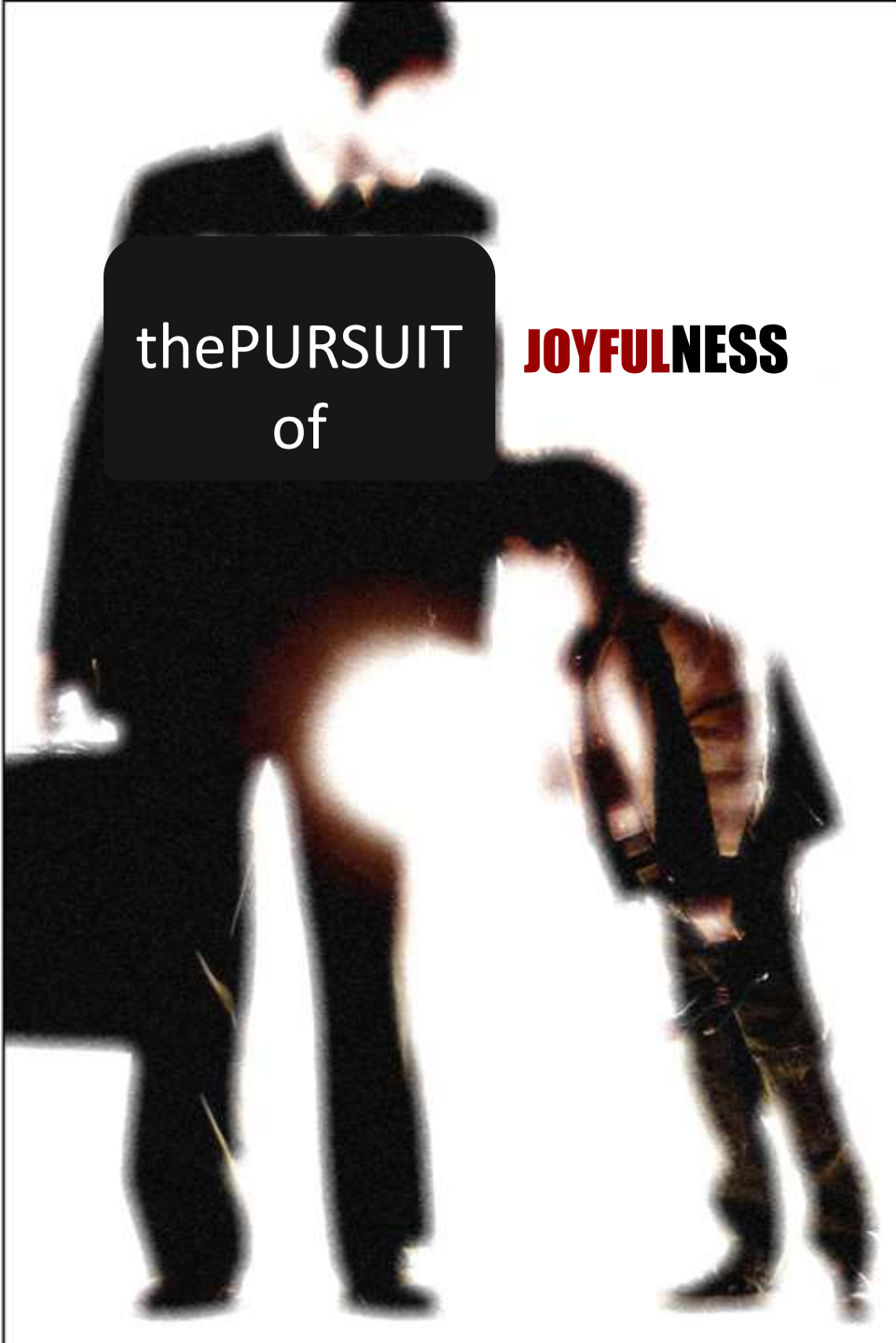
who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

1 Peter 1: 7-8a

These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him;

1 Peter 1: 8b-9

and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



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Jeremiah 15: 16

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