Finding the Joy of the Lord in a World of Sorrow (part 1)

1 Thess. 5:23: "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the <u>division of soul and spirit</u>, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of <u>the heart</u>."

1. Mind2. Emotions3. Will4. Spirit

Fleshed out in a body

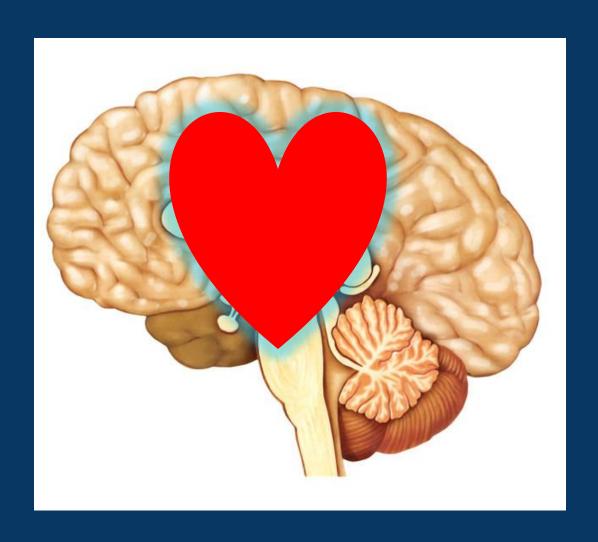
John 3:3-6: Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" 5Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Proverbs 9:10 – "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

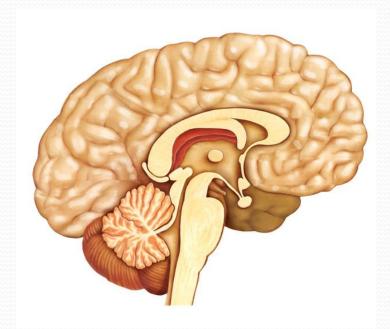
John 15:9-11 - "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11"These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full."

Galatians 5:23-24 – "But the fruit of the Spirit is <u>love</u>, <u>joy</u>, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

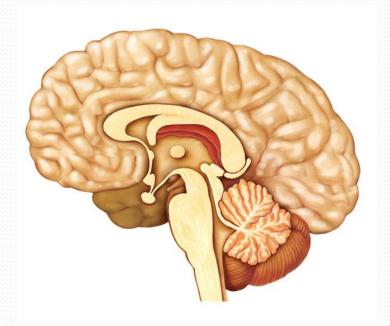
- 1. Spiritual
- 2. Emotional
- 3. Psychological
 - 4. Social
 - 5. Intellectual
 - 6. Physical



Your Brain - Left and Right Hemispheres



Problem Solving/Verbal Decisions
Thinking
Naming
Slower processing



Relational/Non-verbal
Pictures
Decisions
Faster
The Fast Track!

4 Levels of Your Brain's Right side

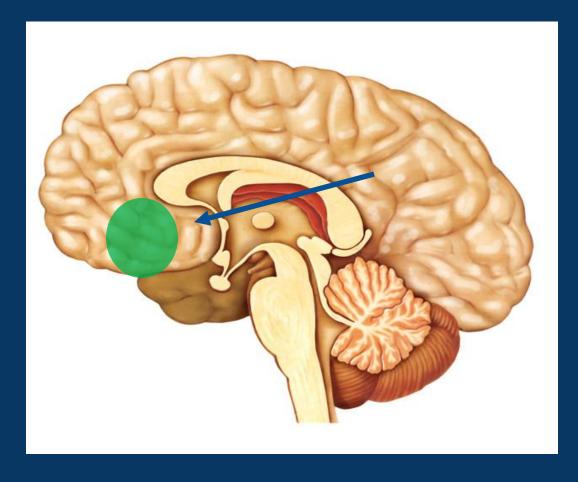
Thalamus -**Attachment Center bucket/Action Center** Amygdala On/Off switch -**Assessment Center**

Pre-frontal

Cortex - Joy

Cingulate Cortex Attunement Center

Made for Joy – Prefrontal Cortex



Joy Center/ Bucket

RARE Maturity

- R Remain relational
- A Act yourself
- R Return to Joy
- **E Endure Hardship**