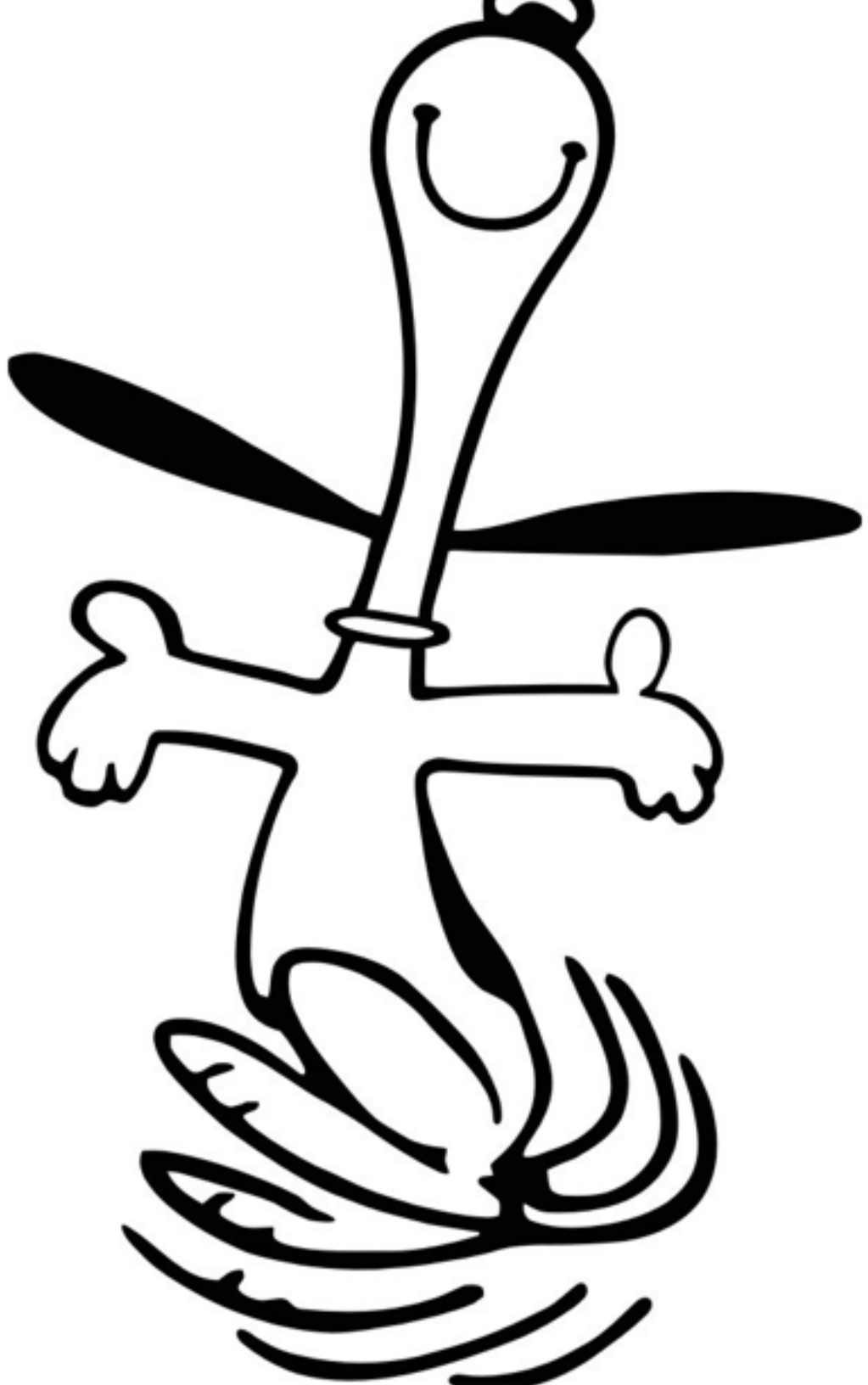


The image features a close-up, top-down view of several slices of watermelon. The slices are arranged in a somewhat circular pattern, showing the vibrant red flesh and the light green rind. In the center of the image, there is a rectangular area with a solid green background and a decorative border of small, light green dots. Overlaid on this green area is the word "Joy" written in a white, elegant cursive script. The overall composition is bright and cheerful, evoking a sense of summer and happiness.

Joy



Joy.

**Extreme happiness of the heart
that is expressed externally**

**“Therefore do not let sin reign
in your mortal body so that
you obey its lusts”**

Romans 6:12

**Just as the Father has loved Me,
I have also loved you; abide in My love.**

**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.**

These things I have spoken to you so that

**My joy may be in you, and that
your joy may be made full.**

John 15:9-11

**It is the blessing of the Lord
that makes rich,
And He adds no sorrow to it.**

Proverbs 10:22

Lazarus - John 11:1-44

Samaritan Leper - Luke 17:11-19

David & all of Israel - 1 Samuel 7, 2

Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 15

Mary, Jesus' mother - Luke 1:26-50

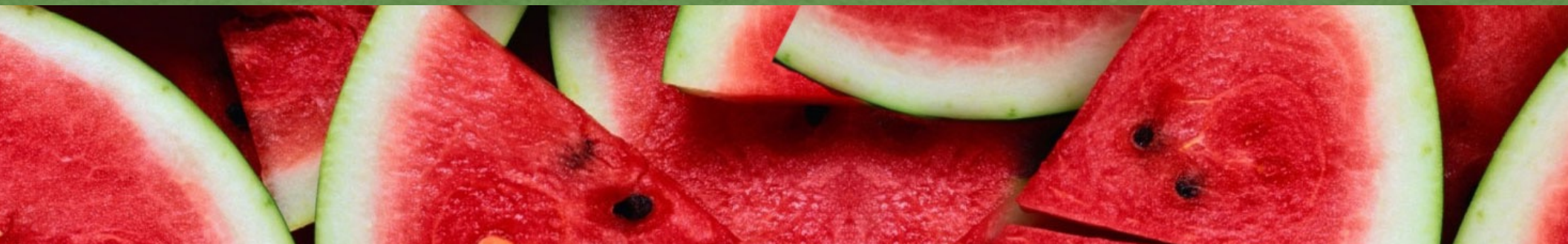
Paul - 2 Corinthians 7:4, 8, 9, 16

Disciples - Luke 24 & John 16

Joy grows
the brightest
when the storms
are the darkest

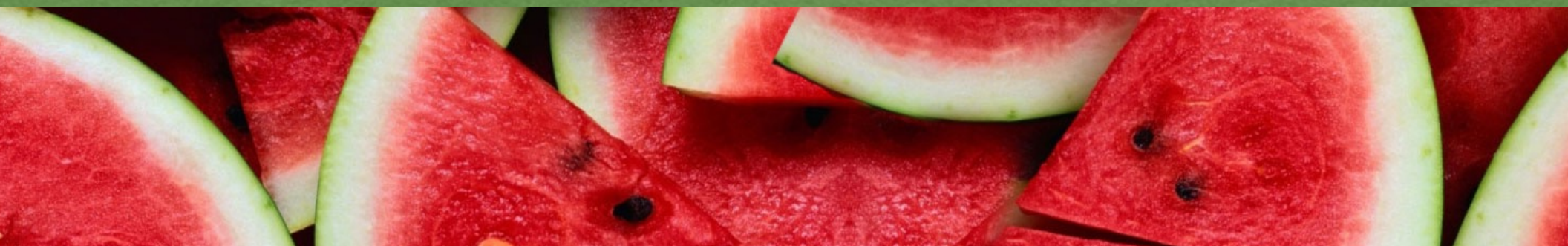
**Weeping may last for the night,
But a shout of joy comes
in the morning.**

Psalm 30:5



**You will make known to me
the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are
pleasures forever.**

Psalm 16:11



**My soul has been
rejected from peace;
I have forgotten happiness.
So I say,
"My strength has perished,
And so has
my hope from the Lord."**

Lamentations 3:17 -18

**This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.
The Lord's loving-kindnesses
indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.**

**"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"Therefore I have hope in Him."**

**The Lord is good to those who wait for Him
To the person who seeks Him.**

Why are you in despair, O my soul?

**And why are you disturbed
within me?**

Hope in God,

for I shall again praise Him,

**The help of my countenance
and my God.**

Psalm 43:5

**How blessed is he
whose help is the God of Jacob,
Whose hope
is in the Lord his God,**

Psalm 146:5

Consider it all joy...

James 1:2a

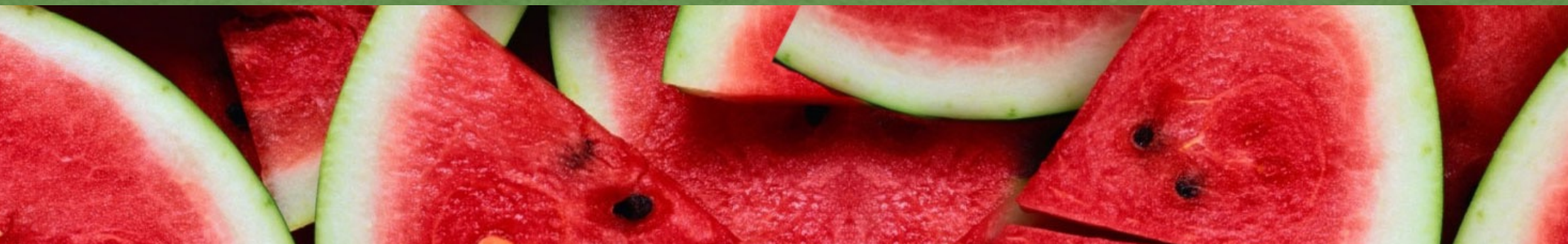
**Consider it all joy, my brethren,
when you encounter various trials,
knowing that the testing of your faith
produces endurance.**

**And let endurance have its perfect result,
so that you may be
perfect and complete,
lacking in nothing.**

James 1:2-4

**I have no greater joy than this,
to hear of my children
walking in the truth.**

3 John 4



**'Rejoice with me,
for I have found
my sheep which was lost!'
I tell you that in the same way,
there will be more joy in heaven over
one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous
persons who need no repentance.**

Luke 15:6-7

**'Rejoice with me,
for I have found
the coin which I had lost!'
In the same way, I tell you,
there is joy in the presence
of the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.**

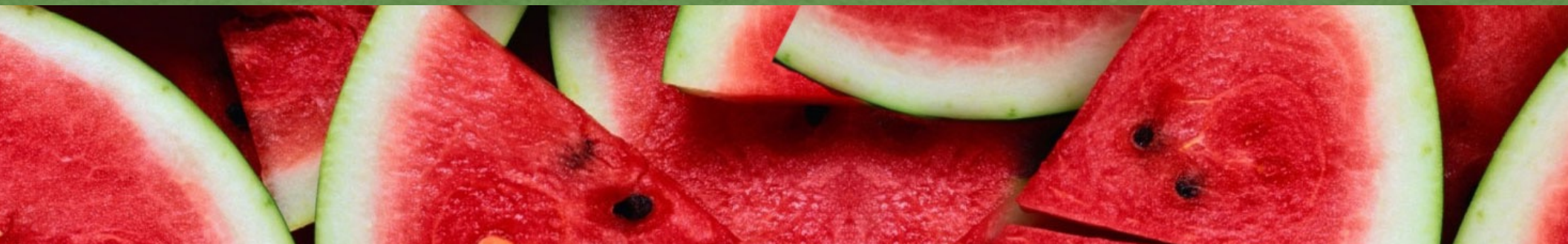
Luke 15:9-10

**'But we had to celebrate
and rejoice,
for this brother of yours
was dead and has begun to live,
and was lost and has been found.'**

Luke 15:32

**Ask and you will receive,
so that your joy may be made full.**

John 16:24



**When the Lord brought back
the captive ones of Zion,
We were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter
And our tongue with joyful shouting;
Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us;
We are glad.**

Psalm 126:1-3

**Those who sow in tears
shall reap with joyful shouting.
The one who goes to and fro weeping, carrying
his bag of seed,
Shall indeed come again
with a shout of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.**

Psalm 126:5-6

