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7. If our sorrow is to be turned to joy while living in this corrupt world, our joy must be based on letting the Holy Spirit have His WAY in our lives.
8. In the midst of sorrow, created by disappointments and sin, we have confidence knowing that the sorrow and corruption of this age is not PERMAMENT.
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