Day 63

I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. 2 John 1:4 (ESV)

Everyone has felt disappointed, even disappointed with God, because something you really wanted to happen – didn't. In this verse the Apostle John is writing to either a church or an individual (commentators differ), but it really doesn't matter. The point is that only SOME of the children are 'walking in the truth'. But John does not say: "I was disappointed to learn that only SOME of your children are walking in the truth," but rather "I rejoiced greatly to learn that some of your children ARE WALKING IN THE TRUTH." The phrase "just as we were commanded by the Father" probably refers to "walking in the truth", but it would also apply to "I rejoiced." Aren't we commanded to "rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS"? How much do you focus on God's victories, and how much on your disappointments? Is it possible that your expectations of life as a Christian are unrealistic? Make a list of your disappointments and pray over each one, placing the issue entirely in God's hands. Ask God to help you join with the angels in rejoicing over EVERY soul He wins for Himself.