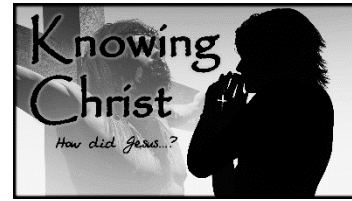




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## “THE STRUGGLE *for* JOY”

JOHN 15:11; PHILIPPIANS 4:4

- *Mindset: Fixed or Growth?* 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17
- *What Jesus Wants* JOHN 15:11; 17:13
- *Joy Has Competition* PHILIPPIANS 2:14
- *The Trials of Jesus* HEBREWS 4:15

### *The Joy of Jesus...*

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#### 1. REJOICES *in* GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ PSALM 16:11; MATT. 28:20

- TESTING *and* QUARRELING? EXODUS 17:1-7
- ACKNOWLEDGE! PROVERBS 3:5, 6
  
- *How is God Present?*

### *The Joy of Jesus...*

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#### 2. REJOICES *in* GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ JEREMIAH 15:16; JOHN 15:11

- *What has God promised?*

### *The Joy of Jesus...*

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#### 3. REJOICES *in* GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ JOHN 16:24; PHILIPPIANS 4:19

- *How Will God Provide?*

### *The Joy of Jesus...*

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#### 4. REJOICES *in* GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ HEBREWS 12:2; ROMANS 5:3, 4; 8:28, 29

- *What is God’s Purpose?*
  
- PSALM 34:8

**LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES**  
**“THE STRUGGLE *for* JOY”**

**GETTING STARTED**

1. What insights or observations from this week’s message did you find helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. Do you think it is possible to “*rejoice in the Lord always*”?
3. Have you observed any struggle for joy in your daily life since Sunday’s message? Can you share that?
4. What are some indicators that remind us we are not rejoicing, and need to remember what Jesus knew?

**GOING DEEPER**

*Answer the following the question from what the Bible says in the suggested reading.*

- **What helps you remember that God is PRESENT?**
- **What Biblical PROMISES bring you joy?**
- **What has God PROVIDED for you that brings you joy?**
- **What are God’s PURPOSES that remind you trials are not a waste of time?**
- **Read Hebrews 5:8, 9. How did Jesus’ suffering fulfill a divine purpose in Him?**
- **Read James 1:2-5. Why should we consider trials a cause for joy? Trials can cause confusion about what to do next. What is the promise in verse 5 that can help?**
- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:18. How does focusing on TEMPORARY things versus ETERNAL things affect our ability to rejoice? What are some TEMPORARY things and what are some ETERNAL things?**

**LIVING OUT**

- **What is one area of your life that the Holy Spirit has challenged you through this study to personally grow? Are there any steps you can take to develop in this area?**