

GET EVERYTHING: JOY

PHILIPPIANS

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INSTEAD OF SHRINKING DREAMS TO MATCH OUR FINANCES, WHAT IF EXPAND BEYOND MONEY?

What would you ask for?

PEACE, JOY, LOVE, LIGHT, CHANGE // LAST WEEK THIS WEEK

Today, we tackle Joy

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11

"I can have joy for free this Christmas."

The Secrets of Joy – Philippians (p. 814)

(1:1-26) Paul was experiencing two realities:

○ He is suffering in chains.

○ He is experiencing great joy.

ILL: MY SUFFERING STORIES, EXERCISE. SUFFERING FOLLOWED BY JOY // PAUL: SIMULTANEOUS! HIS REASON? THE MESSAGE OF JESUS!

**Joy comes when the message
of Jesus changes lives.**

GOSPEL :: CHANGED CAESAR'S HOUSEHOLD, CITY OF ROME, PHILIPPIANS, PAUL HIMSELF

What is the message?

(2:1-11)

○ The Creator of the universe humbled himself to lift you up.

○ The journey of glory passes through humility.

ILL: ASK A BIG GUY FROM THE CONGREGATION TO TRY TO PICK ME UP // HE HAS TO BEND DOWN

The Christmas story isn't that God became a man as much as it is God became a servant, even a sacrifice.

**THAT'S THE JOY!! HE LOVES ME! HE LIFTS ME! IN TIMES OF HUMILITY I AM UNITED WITH CHRIST
PHP 3:4-11 /// IF THIS MESSAGE CHANGES YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL HAVE JOY NO MATTER WHAT!**

How are we changed?

(4:2-19)

- This message gives me peace with God and others.
- This message gives me a framework for life.
- This message gives me strength in my struggles.
- This message gives me encouragement through my new family.

**ILL: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST JOYFUL CHRISTMAS? TWO CHRISTMASES COME TO MIND:
COMMODORE 1581 // MY DESK CLOCK**

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HEAR THE MESSAGE, LET IT CHANGE YOU, LET IT CHANGE OTHERS THROUGH YOU.

**PRAYER TREE // WHO NEEDS THIS MESSAGE?
"I NEED THIS MESSAGE" // "MY DAD NEEDS THIS MESSAGE"**