

Today's Theme

# “More Journey To Joy”

Series Title

## “Finding Joy In Life” Part 5

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### What It Takes To Have Consistent Joy

1. We need to *focus* on God with difficulties.
2. We need to *build* better *priorities* in life.
3. We need to lean on God's *power* in life.
4. We need to be *loved* by someone.

- (1) We can't do life *alone* and have *joy*.
- (2) We need someone to *help* carry *burdens*.
- (3) We need someone to *love* us no matter *what*.
- (4) Only one thing can *never* be *taken* away: God.

### 5. We need a *purpose* to *live* for.

Phil 1:22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me.

- (1) We ought to live w/a purpose *bigger* than *us*.
- (2) We ought to live w/a purpose that *outlives* us.

### How To Live With An *Eternal* Purpose

#### 1. Live life *committed* to God's *eternal* plan.

Phil 1:22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

#### What Paul's saying to us

- (1) Allow God's plan to *matter* more than *mine*.
- (2) Be *connected* to what God *wants* for me.
- (3) One day: “The *Next* Call Is The *Last* Call”.
- (4) Result: We *live* for something that *outlives* us.

## 2. *Live* our life in *service* of others.

### The life of a *servant*

#### (1) We are *here* to *serve* others.

Phil 1:25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you

#### (2) We are here to *help* others *progress* spiritually.

Phil 1:25 for your progress

#### (3) *When* we progress spiritually our joy *grows*.

Phil 1:25 and joy in the faith,

#### (4) My presence ought to *bring* others *joy*.

Phil 1:26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

## 3. Live *faithful* to the *gospel* in every way.

### To live out God's purpose IS to be *faithful*

#### (1) *Faithfully* *honor* Jesus with life *choices*.

Phil 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.

#### (2) *Faithfulness* *gets* the message *out* to others.

Phil 1:28 This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.

#### (3) *Faithfulness* *helps* us through *suffering*.

Phil 1:29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,

#### (4) *Faithfulness* is God's *plan* for us.

Phil 1:30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.