Today's Theme

"More Journey To Joy"

"Finding Joy In Life" Part 6

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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.
- 5. We need a *purpose* to *live* for. How To Live With An *Eternal* Purpose
- 1. Live life committed to God's eternal plan.
- 2. Live our life in service of others.

The life of a Servant

- (1) We are here to serve others.
- (2) We are here to help others progress spiritually.
- (3) When we progress spiritually our joy grows.
- (4) My presence ought to bring others joy. Phil 1:25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 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 *Jesus* 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.

To live out God's purpose IS to be faithful

- (1) Faithfully honor Jesus with life choices.
- (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. Eph 6:21 Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing.

(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, 1 Peter 4:19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

(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. 3 John 3 It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.