

6. CHOOSE TO LIVE WITH _____ PERSPECTIVE

“For the joy set before him he endured the cross.”

- Hebrews 12:2

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together. Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.”

- Psalm 98

Did Christmas change or just me?

Next week
SEARCHING FOR PEACE

December 21
SEARCHING FOR HOPE

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT GRACE

- Singing Christmas Tree Spectacular
Saturday December 13 at 7pm
Sunday December 14 at 7pm
- No Service this Wednesday night due to Tech Rehearsal for SCT
- Grace Family Christmas
Wednesday December 17 at 7pm (in the worship center)
Coffee, Cookies and Hot Chocolate at 6pm
- Candles Carols and Communion
Sunday December 21 at 9am
- World's Largest Christmas Party
Sunday December 21 at 11am
- New Year's Eve Communion 4-6 pm



Searching For Joy

Searching For Christmas Part 1

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JOY IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Zechariah was told by the angel, *“You will have joy, and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.”*

Luke 1:14

John the Baptist leaped for joy in his mother's womb when Mary told Elizabeth about the miracle of the incarnation.

Luke 1:44

Mary said *“My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”*

Luke 1:47

(Elizabeth's) *“neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.”*

Luke 1:58

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

Luke 2:10

“When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.”

Matthew 2:10

JOY IS A _____

“Jesus was filled with joy.”

Luke 10:21

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“Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.”

- John Wooden

“When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God.”

- Ecclesiastes 5:19

1. CHOOSE TO _____

“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to laugh.”

- Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

“A cheerful heart is good medicine.”

- Proverbs 17:22

“The One enthroned in heaven laughs.”

- Psalm 2:3

2. CHOOSE TO BLESS WITH YOUR _____

“Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”

- Proverbs 16:24

“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.”

- Proverbs 11:24

3. CHOOSE TO BE _____ FOR

WHAT YOU HAVE

Gratitude brings joy . . .

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

- Philippians 4:6-7

4. CHOOSE TO _____ OTHERS

“the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- Matthew 20:28

5. CHOOSE TO BE _____

“Give to other people, and you will receive. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands—more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to other people is the way God will give to you.”

- Luke 6:38 (ERV)

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

- Acts 20:35

The most obvious lesson in Christ’s teaching is that there is no happiness in having or getting anything, but only in giving.

~ Henry Drummond