

## APPLICATION MOMENT:

### FIRST, LOOK PAST YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.* PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

If our life is lived for ourselves we will miss out on the joy that God intends for us to experience.

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### SECOND, FOCUS ON JESUS

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* HEBREWS 12:2

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.* HEBREWS 13:8

What could you do to focus on Jesus this week?

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### THIRD, SERVE OTHERS

*For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.* GALATIANS 5:13

How could you serve others this week?

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### Lesson: THE FRUIT OF JOY

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.* GALATIANS 5:22-23

INTRODUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. JOY \_\_\_\_\_ —WHAT IS JOY?

**DEFINITION:** Joy — an inward peace that is not affected by outward circumstances

*My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.* JAMES 1:2-4

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* ROMANS 8:28

*For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.* HEBREWS 10:34



*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.* PHILIPPIANS 4:4

*The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.* PROVERBS 10:28

## 2. JOY \_\_\_\_\_ —WHERE DOES JOY COME FROM?

*For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.* ROMANS 14:17

*Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.*  
NEHEMIAH 8:10

*Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.* PHILIPPIANS 3:1

**QUOTE:** "Joy is the deep-down sense of well-being that abides in the heart of the person who knows all is well between himself and the Lord. It is not an experience that comes from favorable circumstances or even a human emotion that is divinely stimulated. It is God's gift to believers."

*By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* ROMANS 5:2

*Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:* 1 PETER 1:8

## 3. JOY \_\_\_\_\_ —HOW DO WE DISPLAY JOY?

CONCLUSION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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