



JOY



LEARNING TO **APPLY**
UNCOMMON **JOY**
IN EVERYDAY LIFE

LESSONS 2.1 - 2.4
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A NOTE
FROM
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By faith, we are walking in the “new thing” of the Lord in 2019. God has already been moving in a great way in the first quarter of this new year. This has certainly been the case in our current teaching series called JOY. In the first part of this series, we defined JOY from scripture as EVERLASTING, ACCESSIBLE and POWERFUL. Now we will endeavor to increase our experience of the JOY of the LORD through APPLICATION.

One word that will be repeated throughout Part 2 of this series is “ABIDE”. Jesus gave great attention to this activity in John 15 and then explained that all He said regarding abiding was so that we could receive His JOY to the fullest (John 15:11). The importance of ABIDING in the Lord cannot be overstated as it is vital to staying tuned in to the JOY of the Lord that is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

By God’s grace, together we will **ABIDE through WORSHIPING, LEARNING and SERVING** in anticipation of an overflowing experience of the uncommon JOY of the Lord. My prayer for YOU is that the JOY of the LORD will flow into every area of your life! So continue to walk by faith and let’s APPLY the JOY of the LORD through every trial and test for the glory of the Lord.

He’s Here, He Knows, He’s Able



Joseph Sissac / Senior Pastor





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2.1 APPLYING THROUGH ABIDING

Scripture References:
Nehemiah 8:10
John 15:1-11

If the JOY of the Lord is our strength, then learning to apply and walk in that JOY is vital to living a healthy, strong Christian life. The real question we must seek to answer in Part 2 of JOY is, ***“How can I experience daily the JOY of the Lord that is my strength?”***

As New Testament believers the answer to this question is found in our **relationship** with Christ. In John 15:1-10, Jesus compares our relationship to Him to the life-giving and life-changing connection between a branch and a vine. The key to this connection is **ABIDING**.

ABIDE: to remain, endure, continue to be present, to be held, to remain as one.

In John 15:11 Jesus then states, ***“These things I have spoken to you [about abiding] so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”*** So how can we experience the JOY of the Lord as our strength? Let there be no doubt, it is through ABIDING in Christ. Through a lifestyle of abiding we:

1. Receive His JOY
2. Bear much **fruit**
3. Glorify the Father





When I ABIDE in Christ, I remain in Him, endure with Him, I am held by Him and I remain one in Him.



FACTORPOINT PRAYER:

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you throughout your day into abiding opportunities that you might otherwise overlook. Trust the Lord to be with you and give you the ability to bear fruit that glorifies the Father.

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2.2 ABIDING THROUGH WORSHIP

Scripture References:
John 4:23, Romans 12:1
Luke 24:52-53
1 Samuel 30:6-7

ABIDE: to remain, endure, continue to be present, to be held, to remain as one.

Abiding in Christ as a branch requires intentional **effort**. The first thing we can do to intentionally abide is to **WORSHIP**. Worship is an eternal activity that we can engage in right now on earth, long before we get to Heaven. As we have learned, God is unchanging and is therefore always worthy of our praise and adoration. In God, we have an everlasting reason to celebrate and walk in the JOY of the Lord.

- **WORSHIP** is engaging in intimacy and oneness with the Lord.
- **WORSHIP** is not limited to our feelings or our favorite Christian songs.
- **WORSHIP** is our direct **response** to what God the Father is searching for. (John 4:23)
- **WORSHIP** is an act of faith in which we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to the Lord.

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

—Romans 12:1 NASB

“When I ABIDE in Christ through WORSHIP, He gives me His JOY and my joy is made full.”

FACTORPOINT PRAYER:

As you worship, seek the Lord for a more intimate experience in His presence. Be specific in asking the Lord what He desires from you during your time of worship.

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2.3 ABIDING THROUGH LEARNING

Scripture References:
Matthew 28:19
Jeremiah 15:16
Psalm 119:111
1 Chronicles 15:13-15

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The second effort we can give to intentionally ABIDE is to **LEARN** of God's Word and ways. As disciples of Christ, we don't have to go through life unaware of God's plan for us. His Word reveals His will.

Learning God's Word is to learn of the very nature and **personality** of God Himself. Jesus and the Word (the Bible) are ONE. (John 1:1, 1:14).

- To LEARN of God's Word is to open our hearts and minds to His view and interpretation of the world.
- To LEARN of God's Word applies direct effort to knowing what God **desires** from His children in word and deed.
- To LEARN of God's Word gives us access to much-needed **wisdom** to walk in truth and victory in every area of our lives.

“Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I have been called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.”
—**Jeremiah 15:16NASB**

“As I ABIDE in Christ through LEARNING, He gives me His JOY and my joy is made full.”

**FACTORPOINT
PRAYER:**

The Holy Spirit will remind you of what you have been taught. In prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to give you greater insight into the Word of God and His will for your life. Also, seek to meditate on the Word of God as led by the Holy Spirit.

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2.4 ABIDING THROUGH SERVING

Scripture References:
Psalm 100:1-2
Colossians 3:23-24
Psalm 119:111

ABIDE: to remain, endure, continue to be present, to be held, to remain as one.

The third effort we can give to intentionally ABIDE is to **SERVE** the Lord. As disciples of Christ, when we serve we are submitting ourselves as **vessels** available to God to be used as He desires and for His glory.

- When we SERVE we are actively applying and obeying the very same Word and ways of God we discover through learning.
- When we SERVE we are humbly used by God as an extension of His loving hand reaching out to those in need.
- When we SERVE we **demonstrate** that we are a part of something (The Kingdom of God) and someone (The Body of Christ, the Church), bigger than ourselves.

““ Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.”
—Psalm 100:1-2 NASB

““ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. ””

—**Colossians 3:23-24 NASB**

““ I have inherited Your testimonies forever, for they are the joy of my heart. ””

—**Psalm 119:111**

““ As I ABIDE in Christ through SERVING, He gives me His JOY and my joy is made full. ””

FACTORPOINT PRAYER:

Pray for opportunities to serve others as unto the Lord and demonstrate His love and care for them. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the JOY of the Lord as you serve.

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