

Part 4: The Dancing Father

Luke 10:17-22

17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

22 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Zephaniah 3:17 NIV

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:17 KJV

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

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Message notes:

The only sustaining thing that lasts is our _____ with Jesus.

It's not having spiritual success that gives us significance, it's _____ God—having your name written in the Book of Life.

It's the Father's _____ heart being poured into Jesus.

If you can't find room for Jesus _____, then you don't have a good concept of Him.

Laughter is a sign that Jesus is _____.

You can't have joy without _____.

God _____ you. He delights in you.

God is not ashamed to show His _____.

If you can't _____ at yourself, you're broken, you need help.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus is described as laughing and being full of joy through the Holy Spirit. Can you picture Him laughing? How can we experience more joy and laughter within our small group?
2. Pastor Jamie emphasized that having our names in the Book of Life gives us significance and security, rather than our spiritual successes. How does knowing your name is in the Book of Life influence your daily decisions and interactions?
3. The message highlights the often-overlooked attribute of God's humility, as demonstrated by Christ's incarnation. In what ways does understanding God's humility change our perspective on how we should live and serve others?
4. Zephaniah 3:17 speaks of God rejoicing over us with singing. How does knowing that God delights in you and rejoices over you affect your self-image? How do you receive and feel the Father's joy in your life?
5. The sermon describes God as the source of peace, which is essential for experiencing true joy. What practical steps can we take to invite God's peace into our lives, especially during times of stress or anxiety?

Ministry Time:

The message described how God is not stern and rigid but is full of joy and a celebratory nature. Pray for anyone who is struggling to see the God smiling over them.

Pastor Jamie encouraged believers to reflect God's joy and peace in their own lives. Pray for anyone who is struggling to have the Father's joy and peace in their current circumstances.