

Filled With Joy: “The Joy of Loss”

Philippians 3

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Joy: Cheerfulness, calm delight, gladness; an inner quality in relation to circumstance

Rejoice: To be favorably disposed to God’s grace; to respond to God in joy

Happiness: Happenstance; emotion dependent upon circumstances

James 1:2

Galatians 5:22-23

Loss of Joy:

1. Willful sin
2. Ungratefulness
3. Fear
4. Unforgiveness
5. Loss of eternal perspective
6. Self-centeredness
7. Prayerlessness
8. Legalism

I. Watch out

I Peter 5:8-9

James 4:7

Matthew 6:19-21,24

II. Weigh the value

Jeremiah 9:23-24

What is ahead?

Hebrews 12:1-3

LET'S GO DEEPER:

1. What does it look like to “rejoice in the Lord” in our everyday lives? Phil. 3:1
2. What are the “dogs” of our day? How do we deal with them? Phil. 3:2
3. What have you put your confidence in? Do you consider your gains as Paul considered his? Phil. 3:7-9
4. What is your deepest desire? Phil. 3:10-11
5. What steps do you think God is calling you to take in “straining toward what is ahead”? Phil. 3:13-14