



**Sermon Series:** Life Worth Living Part 3

**Sermon Title:** Complete Joy

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### Philippians 2:1-11

The passage we just read, begins with theme of joy – at the beginning, Paul hopes his joy is brought to it's fullest by the life and actions of the Philippians.

Joy: a state of calm delight.

**Big idea: I can have complete joy in Jesus!**

How? These two decisions:

#### 1. Become radically humble

### Philippians 2:1-4

If you are seeking joy in your life, begin where Paul begins, Being one with Jesus. Paul assumes you have faith in Jesus Christ as your savior. He assumes that you feel cared for by your savior and share in His Spirit. Paul assumes your faith is a strong motivator for you and more than that he expects that as a believer in Jesus

→ your FAITH drives your life  
or (otherwise)

→ your DESIRES drive your life

Our desires, when they are in the driver's seat, often lead us astray.

So I ask you today – 1) Have you put your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal savior. Has Jesus saved you from your sins and are you allowing him do direct your life? That decision all by itself is Key to living a joy filled life. - to know without a shadow of a doubt, Jesus saved you, and you WILL spend eternity with Him. In the passage we read – did you catch what Paul wrote:, everything is conditioned on this one aspect of your life IF, IF, IF, IF 4x over.

The challenge to faith also has the ability to make that joy grow even further when we are united, loving, sacrificial, and humble towards ONE ANOTHER.

Paul knows that if every person seeks the best for one another:  
Joy will flow and pain will lessen.

Selfishness will have no room to be planted, germinate, and grow. Instead:  
JOY! Will be complete not only at the personal, eternal level, but also NOW as  
we live our lives together.

Paul then gives us another solution on how to have Complete Joy:

## 2. Give up ownership of my life

Philippians 2:5-11

In our community, it's out of vogue to ask one another what would Jesus do?  
Somehow we think comparing ourselves to Jesus is out of Reach and  
unattainable. And yet, that's right where Paul goes – we are Christ followers,  
He is our example and He is the one who shows us how to live.

Paul is comparing our relationship with one another to the way Jesus  
completely and voluntarily suppressed his own equality with God.

The mindset of Jesus was utter humility as a fragile human, willing to serve at  
our feet, ready to die for you and me. Giving up everything in order to save you  
and I and only after his sacrifice, receive all glory.

Again, Jesus sets the pattern for you and I as well. We serve now with all  
humility, and then, after we enter heaven – reward and glory! No wonder Paul  
was filled with Joy when people willingly serve one another, encourage one  
another, and care for another – it's a joyful sight!

We act like the one we follow

Do you want joy in your life – it's fleeting at best on a human level, you wont get  
it from following the news, or your favorite political actor. True, deep, lasting  
joy is only going to come upon you – that calm delight – when you and I actively  
live out our faith in Jesus.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **Is it possible for someone to have complete joy without knowing Jesus? Explain why or why not**
- **How would you explain the joy that God offers to a non-believer?**
- **Joy is a state of calm delight. What is something that brings you absolute joy regardless of what is going on around you?**
- **In order to have complete joy you need to give up ownership of our life. What areas do you find it most difficult to give up?**