

Our heart to you...

*...On behalf of Lori and myself, I want you to hear me say emphatically – **Church family, we love you! Each and every one of you!** We are sincerely grateful to God for the opportunities to share our lives with you. “We loved you so much that we shared with you not only the gospel, but our own lives, too” (2 Thessalonians 2:8). We have laughed together and cried together (Romans 12:15). We have studied God’s Word together, worshipped together, prayed together, served together both in the church and in our community, and we have gone to the nations together.*

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As in any family of 23 years, we have struggled together and grown together. We have taught your children and baptized them, as well as baptized many of you. Lori and I truly hope that we have helped your "faith, hope, and love" grow both deeper and wider for one another (1 Corinthians 13:13), have journeyed with you as you learned to abide in Christ and prove to be his disciples, (John 15:5-8) and challenged you to align your hearts with God's heart for His name and glory among all nations (Psalm 96:3, Luke 24:45-48).

Our heart to you...

*We will **never** cease to give thanks to God for you (Philippians 1:3). You will always be our brothers and sisters in Christ! ...*

**We are called to the same MISSION
and the same MIND as Christ.**

Have this **mind** among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...

Philippians 2:5

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:1-2

You give them relief [rest] from troubled times...

Psalm 94:13 NLT

Four Exhortations to Grace Point Church

*Church, be of the same mission
and the same mind...*

1) by partnering together in advancing the Gospel

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making
my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in
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⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace...

Philippians 1:7

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- 2) by striving for unity for the sake of the Gospel**

**Differences do not mean division,
neither does unity mean uniformity.**

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord...

Philippians 4:2

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...

Philippians 2:14-15

Only let your **manner** of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are **standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side** for the faith of the gospel...

Philippians 1:27

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So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, [assuming the answer is yes!] ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:35

Mind & Heart Checklist

- V. 3: Do I do anything out of selfishness or conceit?
- V. 3: Do I in humility count others more significant than myself?
- V. 4: Do I look out for my own interests?
- V. 4: Or do I look out for the interests of others?
- V. 5: Do I have the mind of Christ with one another?

HAVE THE SAME MIND AS CHRIST (v. 5)

v. 6 who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

v. 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant

v. 8 He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

v. 9 God exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

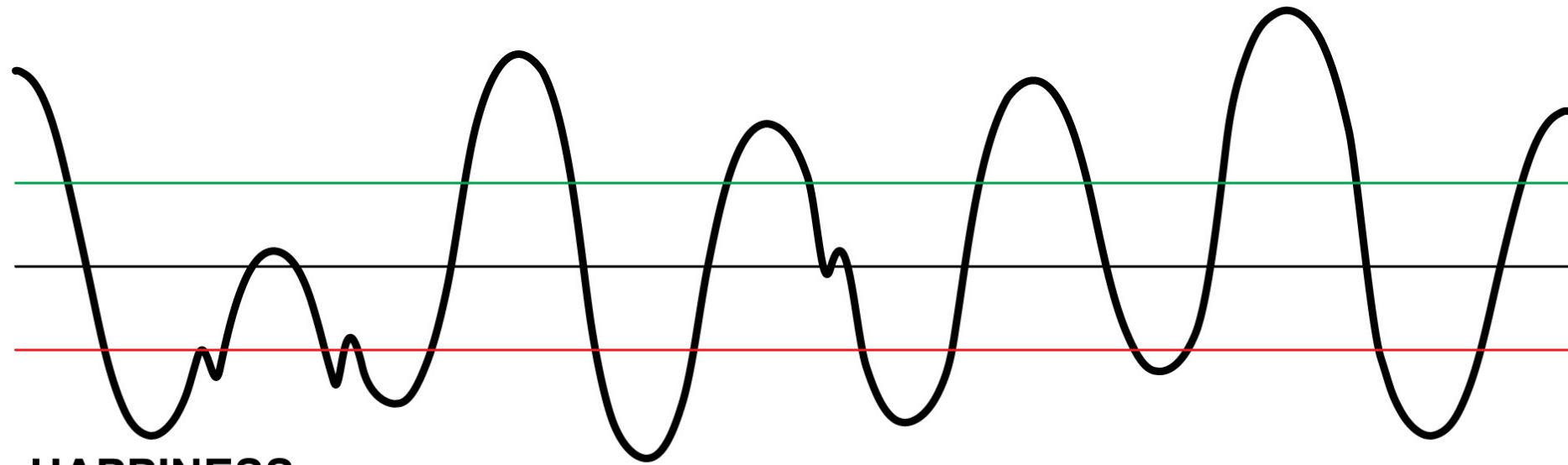
“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, ...so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

John 13:35, 17:20-21

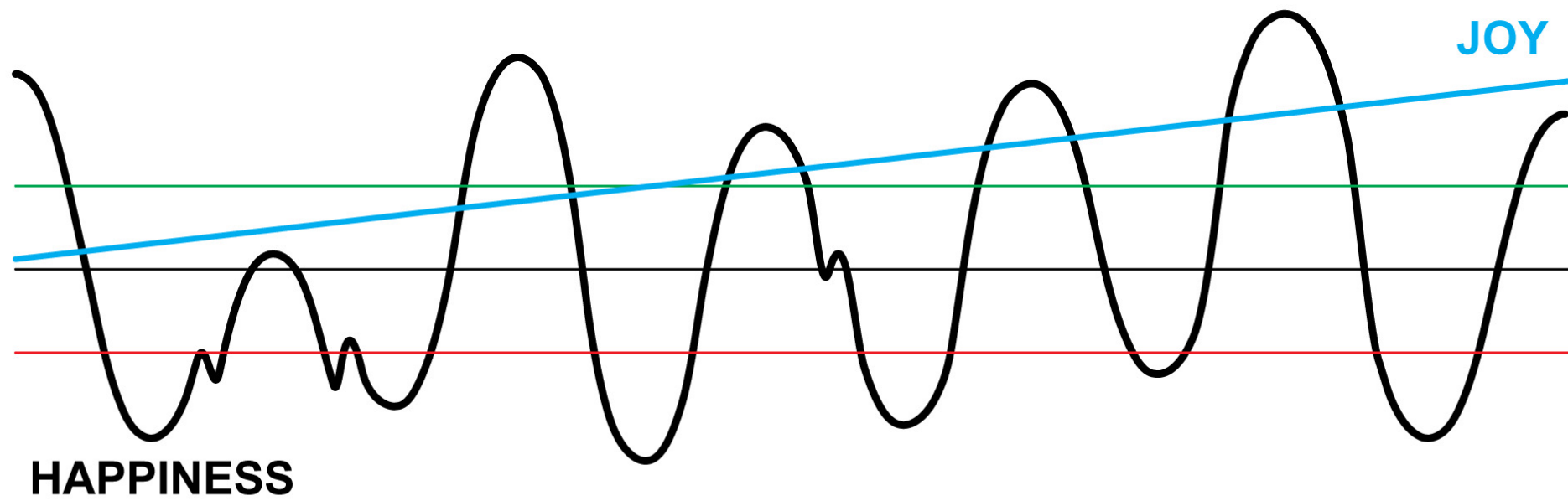
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- 4) by rejoicing always**



HAPPINESS



...in **my imprisonment**.¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that **I rejoice**.

Philippians 1:17-18

I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, **I am glad and rejoice.**

Philippians 2:17

Finally, my brothers, **rejoice** in the Lord.

Philippians 3:1

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—
rejoice!

Philippians 4:4 (NLT)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 (NLT)



***Grace Point Church is built on the
foundation of Jesus.***