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Series: "Parting Words"- Part 8 of 9
Message: "Joy"

Key text: John 16:16-33

Happiness most often comes from things or events or situations. Joy comes from within and is a result of our faith.

Biblical joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation.

Big idea

Jesus desires for His disciples to experience joy in life no matter the circumstance.

How to experience real world joy

| Understand God's | (vs.16-22 |
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| Step 1: | |
| Step 2: | _ |
| Step 3: | |

| 2. | Pra | actice genuine | (vs.23-32) | | | |
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| | | Prayer has 2 moving parts: | | | | |
| | | : in Jesus' name | | | | |
| | | : the Father's gift | t | | | |
| 3. | Accept God's (v.33) | | | | | |
| | A. | Not peace that is an of trouble | of trouble, but | | | |
| B. Not peace in our circumstances, but peace | | | | | | |
| | C. Not the peace of escape, but the peace of | | | | | |
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MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize John 16:33.
- □ Read these stories from the Bible and look for God's process of joy: Joseph (Genesis 37, 39-50), Daniel (Daniel 6), Jesus (John 18-21), Paul (Acts 9).
- ☐ The first time you're tempted to "escape" to find peace this week ask Jesus to show you the way you can "overcome" to find His Peace.
- ☐ Today I commit my heart to trust and follow Jesus for the very first time.

We exist to help people trust and follow Jesus.