

# FOLLOWING GOD 06

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## FOLLOWING WITH JOY

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YOU NEED A DREAM. WITHOUT A DREAM YOU DRIFT.

IT NEEDS TO BE A BIG DREAM. DON'T SETTLE FOR A DREAM THAT WON'T  
LAST LONGER THAN YOU.

SOMETIMES YOU'LL GET LOST.

SOMETIMES YOU'LL GET STUCK.

ALWAYS PREPARE FOR THAT DEFINING MOMENT AND WHEN IT COMES  
SEIZE IT.

ONE LAST THING: \_\_\_\_\_ THE JOURNEY.

### I. I FIND JOY WHEN I RECALL HIS \_\_\_\_\_

Joy and sorrow are in every moment of life.

*Philippians 1:12–14 (NLT)*

*12And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.*

*13For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ.*

*14And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.*

FIRST YOU HAVE TO BE \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 4:8 (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.*

SECOND, YOU HAVE TO BE \_\_\_\_\_.

*Philippians 4:6–7 (NASB95)*

*6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ASKING. BUT \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)*

*18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

II. I FIND JOY WHEN I WALK IN HIS \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 16:11 (NLT)*

*You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.*

*"Wherever you are God is there. If God is there then so is joy."*

III. I FIND JOY WHEN I SERVE HIS \_\_\_\_\_

SOME OF THE JOY IS \_\_\_\_\_.

*Acts 20:35 (NLT)*

*35 And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

SOME OF THE JOY IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ STRUGGLE

*Philippians 1:3–5 (NLT)*

*3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.*

*4 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,*

*5 for YOU HAVE BEEN MY PARTNERS IN SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS  
about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.*

WHEN YOU GO TO WAR YOU BECOME A \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_.

*SOME THE JOY IT IS SEEING LIVES \_\_\_\_\_*

#### IV. I FIND JOY WHEN I CONSIDER \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Timothy 2 Timothy 4:7–8 (NLT)*

*7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.*

*8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.*

*Nothing that happens to me changes my \_\_\_\_\_.*