

# God, I am Just Grateful:

## *Joy for the Journey*

**Sermon Synopsys:** To know Him is to know joy, and joy is not circumstantial happiness—it is the strength, assurance, and deep delight that flows from knowing God personally and walking with Him daily.

### 1. Joy Comes from the Presence of the Lord

- a. Joy Is Found ***In*** Him, Not Just ***From*** Him
- b. Knowing God Is ***Relational***, Not ***Informational***
- c. ***Distance*** From God Always ***Affects*** Joy

**Psalm 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

### 2. Joy Is Our Strength for the Journey

- a. Joy ***Doesn't Deny*** Pain
- b. The ***Source*** of Our Strength ***Matters***
- c. Joy ***Fuels*** Obedience, Endurance, and Restoration

**Nehemiah 8:10 (NLT)** - “And Nehemiah<sup>[a]</sup> continued, “Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”

### 3. Joy Is Drawn Daily from God’s Faithfulness

**Isaiah 12:3 (NLT)** – With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!

### 4. Joy Remains Even in Trials When We Know Him

- a. ***Knowing*** Him ***Matters***

**James 1:2 (NLT)** - “Dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when

your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.”