

# Philadelphia Church

Reclaiming our Joy

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## John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

# Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I will say it again: Rejoice!



## Matthew 18:3

And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.





# Bio

For 25 years, Brady has specialized in delivering transformational, long-standing impact on people's lives in nearly 80 different countries. By establishing partnerships with national and regional governments, health professionals, academic and private organizations, he has helped create sustainable conservation and community-based programs in Africa and across the world. He has held numerous leadership roles on the global stage and through service and leadership in these organizations, Brady has helped empower and connect thousands of people to life-giving programs

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His experience and results have led him to this new role that is focused on fueling human impact and sustainable conservation on the continent of Africa. As the CEO for the African Community & Conservation Foundation (ACCF), Brady leads the philanthropic efforts for the community and conservation programs supported by the Grumeti Fund, in addition to other sustainable programs in Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



## Psalm 118:17

I will not die but live, and will proclaim  
what the Lord has done.



## Examples of how enemy attacks Joy:

- ◆ Family conflict
- ◆ Sickness and disease
- ◆ Shame and guilt
- ◆ Finances or provision

## 2 Corinthians 6:10

Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.



# Definition

Christian Joy is a good feeling in the soul,  
produced by the Holy Spirit, as He causes us to  
see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the  
world. - JP

## Psalm 16:9-11 NIV

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue  
rejoices; my body also will rest secure <sup>10</sup>  
because you will not abandon me to the realm  
of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one  
see decay. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path  
of life; you will fill me with joy in your  
presence, with eternal pleasures at your right  
hand.



## Psalm 16:9-11 KJV

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory  
rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. <sup>10</sup>  
For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither  
wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see  
corruption. <sup>11</sup> Thou wilt shew me the path of  
life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy  
right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

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## 10 things that steal our joy:

- ◆ Complaining
- ◆ Procrastination
- ◆ Gossip and Slander
- ◆ Approval-seeking
- ◆ Breaking promises

- ◆ Negative self-talk
- ◆ Driven by Circumstances
- ◆ Living in the Past
- ◆ Fearing the Future
- ◆ Prayerlessness

His presence:

- ◆ Intimacy in our times of prayer
- ◆ Directions through the word of God
- ◆ Awareness when we are in fellowship



## 2 Corinthians 1:3-6

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup> For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup> If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

## Proverbs 10:28

The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.



## Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

## Quote

Happiness is untested delight. Joy is delight tested.

- Jack Hyles



## Quote

If you have no joy, there's a leak in your  
Christianity somewhere.

- B. Sunday