

Joy in Celebration

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. 7 And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands." 8 And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" 9 And Saul eyed David from that day on.

—Samuel 18:6-9 (ESV)

1. **COMPARING Other's Blessings Leads to JEALOUSY**

Jealousy Kills Joy

Rejoice with those who rejoice...

—Romans 12:15 (ESV)

2. **CELEBRATING Other's Blessings Leads to JOY**

Celebrating Kills Jealously

"What God creates in the new birth is not a sinless Christian. What he creates is an embattled, not-yet perfect, Spirit-empowered, persevering, Christ-treasuring, sin-hating, new being — a new creation in Christ."

—John Piper

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

—Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

I Can Pursue GOD'S DESIRES Above My Own

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

—Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)

I Can Pursue the GOOD OF OTHERS Above My Own

JOY = JESUS, OTHERS, YOURSELF