



# CHRISTMAS

AT LIFEPOINT

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**Christmas at LifePoint 2024- Joy To The World,  
The Lord is Come!**

**SPEAKER: PASTOR MIKE BURNETTE**

**ICEBREAKER**



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**DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE ANY UNIQUE OR BIZARRE TRADITIONS?**

## **INTRODUCTION**

- **PASTOR MIKE POINTED OUT THAT OUR CULTURE TENDS TO THINK OF JOY AS HAPPINESS. PRIOR TO TODAY WHAT DID YOU THINK JOY WAS?**
- **READ LUKE 2:10-11 THE ANGEL SAID JESUS WAS OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST, AND LORD. PASTOR MIKE SAID EVERYONE WANTS JESUS AS SAVIOR BUT NOT AS LORD. HOW DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ALLOW JESUS TO BE LORD OF YOUR LIFE?**
- **“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.” RICK WARREN. WHICH ONE OF THESE IS THE MOST DIFFICULT FOR YOU WHILE WALKING OUT JOY IN YOUR LIFE (WHY?), (SETTLED ASSURANCE, QUIET CONFIDENCE, DETERMINED CHOICE)?**

## **WE LIVE WITH JOY**

- **READ PHIL 3:17-20 DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE THAT MODELS JOY? HOW DO YOU EMULATE THAT AND MODEL THAT FOR OTHERS?**
- **WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL WAYS THAT YOU ARE LIVING AS A “CITIZEN OF HEAVEN?”**

## WE CHOOSE JOY BECAUSE OF JESUS

- DO YOU FIND YOURSELF LEANING INTO JOY MORE NATURALLY OR DO YOU STRUGGLE TO CHOOSE JOY IN TIMES OF TROUBLE?
- READ JAMES 1:2-4 WHEN YOU HAVE FACED TRIALS/GRIEF/TRAUMA, HOW HAVE YOU INVITED JESUS TO GROW YOU IN THESE TIMES OF TROUBLE?

## JOY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- READ ACTS 7:55-56 WHAT ABOUT STEVENS' STORY RESONATES WITH YOU MOST?
- SHARE A TIME WHERE YOUR JOY IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS HAS BEEN A WITNESS TO OTHERS AROUND YOU.



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## ACT ON IT

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### ENCOURAGE

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS ROOTED IN A DEEP TRUST, CONTENTMENT, AND THE ASSURANCE THAT GOD SEES AND KNOWS US, IS IN CONTROL, AND IS ALWAYS PRESENT, NO MATTER WHAT'S HAPPENING. PASTOR RICK WARREN DESCRIBED JOY AS "THE SETTLED ASSURANCE THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THE DETAILS OF MY LIFE, THE QUIET CONFIDENCE THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT, AND THE DETERMINED CHOICE TO PRAISE GOD IN EVERY SITUATION."



### ASK

WHAT ARE YOU NEEDING TO TRUST GOD FOR TODAY? WHAT ASSURANCES DO YOU NEED IN THE LORD? HOW MANY OF YOU NEED TO CHOOSE JOY IN THIS SEASON?



### CHALLENGE

WE CHALLENGE YOU TO DISCOVER HOW TO LIVE WITH JOY DESPITE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. CHOOSING JOY HELPS PUT THOSE JOY FILLED PRINCIPLES INTO FOCUS EACH AND EVERY DAY. LIVE WITH JOY EVEN WHEN LIFE IS CHALLENGING. WHAT'S ONE WAY YOU CAN CHALLENGE YOURSELF THIS WEEK?

## PRAYER

GOD, CHOOSING JOY WHEN LIFE IS CRUMBLING AROUND ME IS NOT EASY, BUT IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY—AN OPPORTUNITY TO MATURE IN MY WALK WITH YOU. THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THINKING OF US AND KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT IS NEEDED TO DWELL IN YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF GOD AND MY SPIRITUAL DESIRE TO CHASE YOU.

LORD, BECAUSE OF YOU, I KNOW WHO I AM AND WHO I BELONG TO, WHICH BRINGS INTERNAL JOY TO MY HEART AND ETERNAL JOY TO MY SOUL. JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME, AND I CHOOSE JOY.

- AMEN