

reclaiming your joy

The Joy Set Before Us

Hebrews 12:1-3

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Introduction: What do you think of when you hear the word Joy? How can Joy become characteristic of our life? What is the difference between happiness and joy? What is the source of the Christian's joy? Who is the source of the Christian's joy? The Bible says God gives us joy and peace. It tells us that real joy comes from God and is ours forever. The joy that is found in God's presence isn't static; it transforms and regenerates us. At the heart of joy is an unshakable awareness that we possess good from God. Joy is part of God's kingdom.

Prayer: Father God, Your presence and your joy are amazing to us. Please be with us as we look closer at your plans for our lives. Amen.

Read: Hebrews 12:1-3

Review: Who were you able to encourage this week? What did you make of Ken's challenge to act like you are redeemed?

Discussion:

1. Who in your life is a witness to the Joy of the Lord? Which of the witnesses mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11 help you?
2. What is hindering your Joy? What can you throw off?
3. What is the race set before you? How can considering Jesus keep you from losing heart? What is meaningful for you to consider?
4. How has your understanding and experience of joy changed over the course of this sermon series? Have you found anything to apply to your everyday life?

Application: Continue to look for the Joy that Jesus has set before you.

Prayer: Father, we seek to fully understand the joy that you set before us. Please help us to seek you in all of the hours of our days. Amen.