



FRUITFUL IN A FAMINE
THE PATH TO TRUE HAPPINESS

JOHN 15:9-11

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - May 30, 2021

1. Find joy _____ (v. 11)

John 15:9–11 (ESV)

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

2. Find joy _____ (v. 9)

3. Find joy _____ (v. 10)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read John 15:11.** How has your perspective on joy/happiness changed since becoming a Christian? How have you experienced the “full” joy that only Jesus can offer?

2. **Read John 15:9.** How does thinking about the love that the Father has for the Son help your perspective as you consider Jesus’ love for you?

3. **Read Ephesians 3:17-19.** Why are we often more prone to focusing on our circumstances that then incredible love described in this passage? How can you focus on the love of Christ this week no matter what the circumstances?

4. **Read 1 John 5:3.** What difference does it make when we view Christ’s commandments as gracious guidance from a loving Savior rather than arbitrary rules from an overly strict manager?

5. **Read John 4:31-34.** In what ways do you need to further align your will to God’s so that you can say what Jesus says here? Why will this mindset lead to greater joy?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Alcorn, Randy. *Happiness*. Tyndale House Publishers, 2015.
 Piper, John. *Desiring God*. Multnomah, 2011.
 Reeves, Michael. *Delighting in the Trinity*. IVP Academic, 2012.

Prayer Requests

Pray that our church will be filled with true joy.
 Pray that we would find fulfillment in doing the will of God.
 Praise God for the incredible love that Jesus has for us.
 Pray that God would use the Men’s Retreat to build up our men and form godly relationships of brotherhood.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
5/31	2 Samuel 13-14	Psalms 68:11-18	Mark 12:13-27	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
6/1	2 Samuel 15-16	Psalms 68:19-27	Mark 12:28-34	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
6/2	2 Samuel 17-18	Psalms 68:28-25	Mark 12:35-44	1 Corinthians 14:12-25
6/3	2 Samuel 19	Psalms 69:1-8	Mark 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
6/4	2 Samuel 20-21	Psalms 69:9-21	Mark 13:14-23	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
6/5	2 Samuel 22-24	Psalms 69:22-28	Mark 13:24-31	1 Corinthians 15:11-34