



THE GIFT OF JOY | WEEK 1
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What if the best way to live is to be a _____?

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary **for you** that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for **your progress** and **joy** in the **faith...**
Philippians 1:21-25

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'"
Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The moment you have a self at all, there is a possibility of putting yourself first - wanting to be the center - wanting to be God, in fact. That was the sin of Satan: and that was the sin he taught the human race." C.S. Lewis

A life spent waiting for others to bless you will be a life of constant _____.

What would happen if you saw life the way Paul did?

What would I give?

We give what God has given to us: _____.

Joy is a pervasive sense of well-being that is not connected to your circumstances.

They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring **great joy** to all people. The **Savior**—yes, the **Messiah**, the **Lord**—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!" *Luke 2:9-11*

People need _____.

Joy gives people _____ for life.

"Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the LORD is your strength!"
Nehemiah 8:10

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"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."
John 15:5

"I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" *John 15:11*

Who will you give joy to this Christmas?



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