POWER UP

WEEK 2 // JOY
DANNY ANDERSON

He faced the square just inside the Water Gate from early **morning** until **noon** and read aloud to everyone who could understand. All the people listened closely to the Book of the Law. *Nehemiah 8:3*

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, "Don't **mourn** or **weep** on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the Lord your God." *Nehemiah 8:9*

"Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad, for the **joy** of the **Lord** is your **strength**!" *Nehemiah 8:10*

The ___joy___ of the ___Lord___ is your strength.

"Undoubtedly he is the most joyous being in the universe. The abundance of his love and generosity is inseparable from his infinite joy. All the good and beautiful things from which we occasionally drink tiny droplets of soul-exhilarating joy, God continuously experiences in all their breadth and depth and richness." — Dallas Willard

1. Get in God's ___presence___.

You make known to me the path of life; in your **presence** there is fullness of **joy**; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. *Psalm 16:11*

2. ___Obey___ what God says.

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

"When you **obey** my commandments, you **remain** in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love." *John 15:10*

How **joyful** are those who fear the Lord— all who **follow** his ways! *Psalm 128:1*

3. ___Schedule___ joy.

Will you make joy a priority?

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I will encourage and pray for _____ to follow through, and their action step is _____

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My memory verse is _____

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This coming week, I'm praying for _____

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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Full list of events and registration is available at eclife.org's EVENTS page

VERB

Designed to help 7th-12th grade students connect with God and with one another, each month's VERB focuses on a different theme that will help students grow in their relationship with Jesus. Students will experience a friendly, welcoming environment that is both fun and encouraging.

When: Sunday, June 30, 6:00pm
Where: Greenwood Campus E-Café & Auditorium

The 1824

Join us for an environment created specifically for young adults: 18* to 24 years old. Each month, we gather for worship, teaching, and a chance to chat with others facing similar unique life experiences.

When: Thursday, June 27, 7:00pm
Where: Greenwood Campus Fieldhouse

**18-year-old attendees must be graduated seniors.*

Fill-A-Bag

We're collecting boxed meals and canned goods for our local community partner, The Refuge—a faith-based outreach center. These meals will be distributed to families who struggle feeding their children over the weekend outside of school. Grab a bag from the Impact collection bin in the lobby, fill it with the items from the attached list, and drop it back off to the same location.