

**DATE:** Saturday-Sunday, December 5-6, 2020

**SERIES:** *LIVE: JOYFULLY*

**SERMON:** How Can I Live Joyfully?

**SCRIPTURE:** Philippians 1:3-14

[3] I thank my God every time I remember you.

[4] In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy

[5] because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

[6] being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

[7] It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

[8] God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

[9] And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

[10] so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

[11] filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

[12] Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

[13] As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

[14] And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

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*How can I “Live Joyfully?”:*

1. When you \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” – Jim Elliott

*Psalm 49:16-17 Do not be overawed when others grow rich, when the splendor of their houses increases; for they will take nothing with them when they die, their splendor will not descend with them.*

2. When you are a \_\_\_\_\_ about this \_\_\_\_\_.

3. When you truly \_\_\_\_\_.

4. When you \_\_\_\_\_.

“Count your many blessings, name them one by one.”

“All my life, you have been faithful. All my life, you have been so, so good.”

5. When you \_\_\_\_\_ above all else.

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**6. When you live with eternity in mind.**

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**7. When you are a realist about this world.**

**8. When you truly love others.**

**9. When you emphasize blessings.**

“Count your many blessings, name them one by one.”

“All my life, you have been faithful. All my life, you have been so, so good.”

**10. When you exalt Christ above all else.**

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## ***Thank you:***

Martha and I want to thank you for your love, concern, and prayers for us. I am completely past my illness and quarantine time, and Martha is moving rapidly through hers as well. We both had minimal symptoms, and we are immensely grateful.

## ***Christmas Programs:***

This will be a different kind of Christmas this year at FBCCov. We will not have any Christmas programs, but we are having three **worship services on Christmas Eve** at 1:00PM, 3:00PM, and 5:00PM. In these three services we have room for up to 800 people per service, 2,400 total, and a limitless number by live stream.

We will have a reservation system for the Christmas Eve service, so that you can make your plans and we will know how many to expect at each service - staying within the safety guidelines for COVID. You will hear more about this over the next two weeks.

## ***Chapel Open House:***

We have rescheduled the *Chapel Open House* and I want to personally invite you next weekend:

**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00PM – 5:45PM

**Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30AM – 1:00PM

This will be an informal walk-through with social distancing and masks. You, your friends, and family are invited to attend.

If you have driven by *The Chapel*, you can tell from the outside and landscaping what a beautiful place this is. We hope and pray that it lifts up the name of Christ and exalts Him as we use it for His glory.

