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Week 1

REAL JOY COMES SO MUCH EASIER WHEN WE HAVE A HEART FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS.

³ Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. ⁴ Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, ⁵ for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. ⁶ And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. **Philippians 1:3-6 NLT**

- **And the story isn't over if the story isn't good. Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.** Corey Asbury, "The Father's House"
- **Our story is our testimony.**
- **God is at work teaching, convicting, revealing, and blessing until our last breath.**

REAL JOY COMES SO MUCH EASIER WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH LOVE.

⁷ So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. ⁸ God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰ For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. ¹¹ May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God. **Philippians 1:7-11 NLT**

- **Paul loved people.**

- **Paul loved the church.**
- **God loves righteous character.**
- **Character is who you are when no one else is around.**

REAL JOY COMES WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S GOOD NEWS.

¹² And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. ¹³ For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear. ¹⁵ It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. ¹⁶ They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. ¹⁷ Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. ¹⁸ But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice. ¹⁹ For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.

Philippians 1:12-19 NLT

- **Paul didn't waste the hurt or the opportunity.**
- **Even though he was in chains he found a way to share the Gospel.**
- **The Gospel of Jesus Christ is our hope and should bring us joy when it's shared, preached, and proclaimed.**

REAL JOY COMES WHEN WE MAKE IT ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM AND NOT ABOUT OUR WANTS.

²⁰ For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. ²¹ For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. ²² But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. ²³ I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. ²⁴ But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. ²⁵ Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. ²⁶ And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me. **Philippians 1:20-26 NLT**

²⁵ Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. **Philippians 1:25 NLT**

- **Real Joy comes in and through Discipleship.**
- **Real joy comes as I'm sharing my testimony.**

- Real Joy comes as I'm doing life in community.
- Life Group is a great place for all of these.
- Real Joy is being in a right relationship with God the Father by faith in Jesus Christ.

Next steps for me today...

- I want to surrender my life to Jesus.
- I will share my testimony.
- I will join a Life Group.