



SERMON NOTES

Love Others - Pt. 3

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Introduction

- Love God Core Values
- Love Others Core Values

2 Marks of a Joyful Church

1. Recount the Testimonies
 - a. Recount the Testimonies of God's goodness to ourselves and each other
 - b. **Psalm 9:1** I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
 - c. Recount: A verbal declaration- Breaking the sound barrier.
 - d. **Psalm 119:111** Your testimonies are my heritage forever , for they are the joy of my heart.
 - e. Testimonies are the gateway to Joy
2. Delight in the Delight of His Smile
 - a. **Psalm 16:11** in your presence is fullness of Joy
 - b. **Psalm 21: 6** For you make him most blessed forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence
 - c. **Psalm 16:11** There is abundance of joy with your face.
 - d. **Psalm 21: 6** You make him happy with joy with your face.
 - e. **Numbers 6:24-26** The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Joy helps us regulate our emotions and endure suffering. Jesus refused to relinquish joy in the midst of His suffering on the cross. When we are able to stay relationally connected to others and God, we experience joy while we suffer. Joy does not remove our pain, but it gives us the strength to endure. Remember that joy is relational, so “joy in suffering” means that God and our community are glad to be with us in our distress. They do not allow us to suffer alone.