

Joy:
Third Week of Advent

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Joy Defined:

Joy is the emotion created by well-being, success or good fortune or by the promise of receiving them. It originates in gratitude and unshakeable trust in God who has helped and is still helping His people. While internal, joy often manifests itself in outer expressions such as laughter, shouting or other exuberant expressions.



Joy

Vs

Happiness

Based in God

Others/Circumstances/Events

Internal

External

Purpose Beyond Self

Purpose IS Self

Enhanced by Trials

Destroyed by Trials

Limitless/Sustainable

Limited/Unsustainable

Given to Us

We Pursue



Joy Builders

Luke 1:44; 1:38 Finding Your Place in God's Plan

Luke 1:58 Sharing God's Blessing

Luke 2:10; 14 Sharing, Seeing and Hearing about God's Love



God,

**I know there are people seeking joy all around me,
People desperately chasing happiness, thinking it will
satisfy.**

I ask you to show them to me.

**I ask you to give me the courage to go...and LOOK for
them.**

**I ask you to give me the words to speak, and the
actions to take that make your joy clear to them.
God, give me the courage to walk across the room....**

**With all my heart I say to you Here I am, send me.
And God when you speak...I will be quick to hear...
and quick to go.**

And quick to share your Joy

Amen

