

Living in the Fullness of Joy

Reid Temple AME Church
Mid-week Instruction
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Joy Of The Lord is Our Strength

▶ Nehemiah 8:10

- “...the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

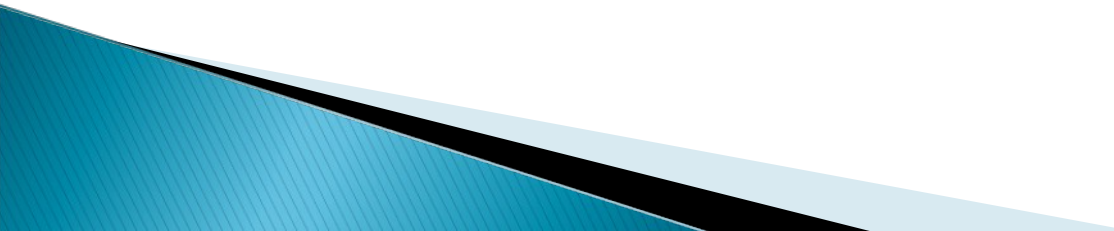
▶ These are the areas where we need to be strengthened:

- Faith Commitment
- Relationships (God, Family, Job etc.)
- Dedication to Service
- Fulfilling Purpose/Potential
- Utilizing/Engaging our Gifts
- Our Character/Integrity

Joy Stealers

- ▶ **Complaining**
 - Philippians 2:14
- ▶ **Worry**
 - Philippians 4:6
- ▶ **Doubt**
 - Hebrews 11:6
- ▶ **Fear**
 - 2 Timothy 1:7
- ▶ **Perfection/Criticism**
 - Philippians 1:6; 3:12, Colossians 3:16
- ▶ **Conflict**
 - Romans 12:18

Joy Producers

- ▶ Worship
 - ▶ Praise
 - ▶ Prayer
 - ▶ Study/Meditation
 - ▶ Fellowship
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Psalm 16

- ▶ V.1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ▶ V.2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- ▶ V.3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.
- ▶ V.4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
- ▶ V.5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- ▶ V.6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
- ▶ V.7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ▶ V.8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ▶ V.9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
- ▶ V.10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- ▶ V.11 You show me the path of life. **In your presence there is fullness of joy;** in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Benefits of Being In His Presence

▶ Receiving Everlasting Life

- John 3:16

- ▶ “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

▶ Experiencing Unconditional Love

- Romans 5:8

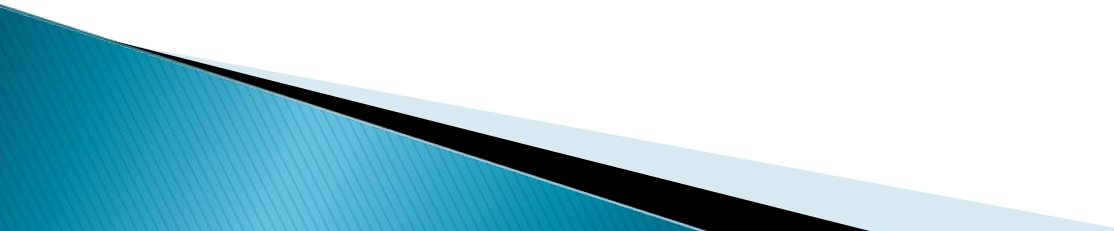
- “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

▶ Knowing Absolute Forgiveness

- Romans 5:11

- “And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”

In The Presence of The Lord

- ▶ **Reconciliation** – We Experience the Joy of Forgiveness
 - ▶ **Revaluation** – We Experience the Joy of Unconditional Love
 - ▶ **Restoration** – Experience the Joy of Everlasting Life
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▶ **This Joy That I Have...**

See You Sunday

- ▶ 7:30 am and 10:30am – Pastor Washington
- ▶ 9:30am – Reid North – Rev. Watley
- ▶ 6pm – Rev. Watley

- ▶ Witness to someone this week!

Blessings!!!

