

## **UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS Pt 3**

### **“Unexpected Joy”**

#### **Luke 2:10-11 ESV**

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

#### **John 15:11 ESV**

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### **CULTIVATING JOY**

That some how, some way joy was possible  
because some how, some way *goodness was available.*

#### **Psalms 16:11 ESV**

You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **SO HOW DO WE THINK ABOUT JOY?**

#### **1 Thessalonians 1:6 NIV**

you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering  
with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

- Joy is a grace.
- Joy is a fruit.

### **JOY IS A POSTURE**

Joy is a posture by which we receive the available goodness of God.

### **POSTURE**

- The way we SEE.
- The way we BELIEVE.

## ENDURANCE OF JOY

### Hebrews 12:2 NIV

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

## WHAT UNDERMINES JOY?

Distrust feeds cynicism and often chokes off the available goodness and beauty.

### Romans 15:13 NIV

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Nehemiah 8:10 NIV

This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

## OUR TRUST – OUR JOY

In learning to Trust, we find the fullness of Joy.

