
Advent Week 3: Three Dimensions of Joy Luke 2:10-11; James 1:2; Hebrews 12:2

INTRODUCTION:

Today, we will look at **THREE DIMENSIONS OF JOY**:

- Joy as a Feeling
- Joy as Faith
- Joy as Fuel

JOY AS A FEELING

JOY AS A FEELING is the Natural Emotional Response To Good News.

Luke 2:10–20 (ESV)

“This joy was not manufactured joy...” – Pastor Billy Johnson

This joy is for all people.

Joy at the first Christmas:

- **The Angel Speaking to the Shepherds**

Luke 2:10–12 (ESV)

¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

- **Heaven Rejoicing**

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the **heavenly host praising God and saying,**

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

- **The Shepherds Rejoicing**

²⁰And the **shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God** for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

JOY AS FAITH

JOY AS FAITH IS Joy While the Story Is Still Unfolding

James 1:2–4 (ESV)

²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

“James doesn’t tell the believers to feel joy, he says to count.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Joy as Faith Begins with A DECISION in the Trial

You don’t have to respond negatively to whatever is happening to you at the time.

Joy as Faith Understands the DESIGN FOR the Trial

Have a good attitude today. The circumstances may not necessarily be good.

Joy as Faith Trust the DESTINY AFTER the Trial –

“Mature, Seasoned and fit for God’s presence.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

God will always outlast you.

DECLARE IT: ***I COUNT IT ALL JOY!***

JOY AS FUEL

JOY AS FUEL IS Joy That Carries Us Forward

Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV)

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Joy as fuel moves us to a place of motivation.

JOY

- SUSTAINS OBEDIENCE
- STRENGTHENS ENDURANCE
- KEEPS BELIEVERS MOVING FORWARD

CONCLUSION

John 15:11 (ESV)

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**