

# Sermon Notes

## Joy Released

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*You turned my wailing into dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and clothed  
me with joy...*

*Psalm 30:11*

### Three Beautiful Ways that Joy is Released

1. Joy is released when the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Luke 15:3-7*

*“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:14-15*

*the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10*

*Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

*Luke 5:32*

*I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (vs. 7)*

**2. Joy is released when the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.**

*8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:8-10*

*So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

*Genesis 1:27*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

### 3. Joy is released when the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.*

*Luke 15:11-14*

*“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.*

*Luke 15:17-20a*

*“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him...the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.*

*Luke 15:2b, 22-24*

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

*John 14:6*

## Thoughts to Consider This Week: Experiencing Fullness of Joy

- 1. How many Christmas hymns or other songs can you name that have the word Joy or a derivative of Joy in their title? Why is the Christmas story such a joy-filled story?**
- 2. Read Luke 15:1-10. Who is pictured as the lost sheep? Who is pictured as the lost coin? How are these parables similar? How are they different. What happens in heaven when a lost sinner repents? What does this say about Jesus' heart for finding lost sinners? Could you honestly say that Jesus' concern and actions are yours as well? If not, what do you need to do this week to align your priorities with His?**
- 3. Read Ezekiel 34:7-16; Psalm 23:1-6; and John 10:14-18. What charges does the Lord bring against the spiritual leaders of His people? What will He do for His people? How did Jesus fulfill the words of Psalm 23 and John 10? What is one quality of the Good Shepherd that helps you trust Him to lead you and care for your needs at this time?**
- 4. Read John 16:19-24. How did Jesus try to prepare His followers for His death? How was the analogy of a woman in child birth a picture of what they would face? How and when would their grief turn to joy? Can you recall a time when you experienced a period of grief? How did knowing that Jesus was there for you, help you through the loss? Who do you know who is going through grief right now that you can offer them hope and joy through Jesus?**
- 5. Pray for an opportunity to share your story of trusting in Jesus with someone who doesn't yet know Him.**