

**Living for More—Week 2: Joy**  
**“Joy Here, Joy There, Joy Everywhere!”**

**Memory Verse:**

And the Angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” (Luke 2:10)

**1. JOY HERE: THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SOURCE OF JOY...**

Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end. (Psalm 119:111-112)

**A. EVEN THE BORING PARTS? YES!**

**2. JOY THERE: THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SOURCE OF JOY WHEN WE HEAR AND FOLLOW IT...**

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

(Matthew 7:24-25)

“And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:26-27)

**3. JOY HERE: THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SOURCE OF JOY WHEN WE HEAR AND FOLLOW IT BECAUSE HE HAS COME TO US...**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” (Luke 2:1)

**4. JOY THERE: THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SOURCE OF JOY WHEN WE HEAR AND FOLLOW IT BECAUSE IT HAS COME TO MAKE US HIS JOY...**

...looking 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.

(Hebrews 12:2)

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:11)

**5. JOY EVERYWHERE: THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SOURCE OF JOY WHEN WE HEAR AND FOLLOW IT BECAUSE IT HAS COME TO MAKE US HIS JOY AND TO SEND US TO SHARE IT!**

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

**GOING DEEPER**

1. Does “rejoicing always” seem difficult to you? Try to discover why and lift that reason up to God in prayer.
2. When a circumstance seems to take away your joy, try to take joy back by recalling God’s great love for you in Jesus.
3. What situation do you see coming up that may take away your joy. Try to prepare for it by focusing on God and how He may deliver you.