**Elect Joy (Graphic)**

Week 1: **Joy Always**

Week 2: **Joy Beyond Yourself**

* Joy is complete in community.
* Community adopts an “others first” mentality.
* Embody Christ’s example.

**Joy’s Focus**

(Philippians 3:1)

“Further, my brothers and sisters, **rejoice in the Lord!** It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.”

(Philippians 3:14)

“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Joy’s focus is to live with **eternity in mind**.

(Philippians 3:2-4)

“Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—though I myself have reasons for such confidence.”

(Philippians 3:4-6)

“If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.”

1. God grants freedom from your **past**.

(Philippians 3:7-11)

“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.”

1. God gives purpose for the **present**.

(Philippians 3:12-14)

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

1. God has a plan for your **future**.

(Philippians 3:20-21)

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

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