



What Makes Our Joy Complete?

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WARM UP

Have you ever purchased a product you thought would make you happy? What was it? How did you feel?

INTRODUCTION

We've all tried to "buy" happiness, but it never lasts. In this week's message, Pastor Jeff talked about how to have complete joy—a happiness that never fades. The secret to complete joy is humility. This week, we're going to discuss how humility affects our key relationships and completes our joy.

KEY THOUGHT

Complete joy requires humility, which is a healthy view of one's self combined with a willingness to learn.

DISCUSSION

These questions are a guide. Please select the ones that will work best for your group. You do not have to go through them all.

- **Read Philippians 2:2.** What role does unity play in completing our joy?
- Have you ever had a time when you experienced success in one area of your life but had disunity in a key relationship in another area? What was that like? How did it affect your happiness?

Biblical humility is not motivated by selfish ambition.

- **Read Philippians 2:3.** How are humility and unity related?
- What do you think of when you hear the word "humble"? How would you describe a humble person?
- What is "selfish ambition"? How would you describe a selfishly ambitious person?
- Selfishness and pride are often hard to recognize in ourselves. Why is that?
- How can we see when we're being selfish or prideful?

Biblical humility doesn't depend on grasping or using our own advantage.

- **Read Philippians 2:5-6.** We all have a tendency to "grasp" at things—money, possessions, power, titles, position, etc. Why is that?
- Have you ever known someone who was a "grasper"? How did they act?
- What is so repelling about someone who grasps?
- How was Christ's example completely opposite of someone who grasps? How did He live His life?
- What can we learn from Christ's example for our lives?

Biblical humility isn't dominated by grumbling or arguing.

- **Read Philippians 2:14-15.** How does grumbling and arguing affect your level of joy?
- Why is intentionality necessary when it comes to our speech?
- Pastor Jeff ended his message by talking about the difference between the selfish road and the humble road. How would you describe that difference?

APPLICATION

Do you have a relational challenge you're currently facing? What would the selfish road look like vs. the humble road in that situation? What will you do?

PRAYER

- Pray for anyone who responded to the application question above.
- Take prayer requests, and pray for any needs in the group.