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If you were asked, “What brings you joy?”, what would be your response? Would it have to do



with a spectacular sight in God’s creation? Or, a favorite song that comes over the radio? Maybe it’s

simply being with family and friends? Celebrating together at holiday time? Does the thought of joy mean something extraordinary or special — not necessarily the “norm” of life in general? Or, do you find joy in everyday occurrences? Like going to work? Making a meal? Doing laundry? Attending a meeting?

To be truthful, we can find joy everywhere and in every situation. Wait a minute, is that really possible? What if my life seems to have too many concerns or issues that are uncomfortable or difficult? An incurable illness that has been diagnosed? A job that is too overwhelming? A relationship with a family member is at odds? These are real so how can joy be found in such things?

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4–7).

How absolutely wonderful that our “joy,” whether something special or an everyday happening, is centered in our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus! Nothing happens nor does any privilege or task

take place without God’s hand being on the steering wheel. Our joy comes because of Him. As we go through our days, do we give thanks for the blessings we receive — including the everyday routines?

During this time of year, our lives are filled with the wonder of the season.

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10, 11).

We truly have the joy of anticipating and then celebrating

Jesus’ birth. The miracle of His coming to us as a little baby in order to save us from sin, death, and the devil brings us joy. The fact that we can call Him Savior



brings us joy. Thinking about this truth throughout the year, not just at Christmas time, brings us joy. The joy it produces lasts a lifetime — literally.

How will you share your joy with your friends and family not only during this special season but also, on a daily basis through everyday occurrences? Will you use words or will it be through an act of kindness? Will your joy be evident in all you say and do? As author Donna Snow stated in the Bible study, One Extraordinary Night, based on Luke 2:8–14, “when we walk with joy, the world sees God in us — His goodness and His love.” How will you “walk with joy?” How will your joy in Jesus shine to others?

May God bless you and keep you this joy-filled season and always. May He cover you with His grace and peace as you share your faith with others, as you proclaim His truth, and as you live each day with joy.

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