

LONGINGS

WHAT WE'RE
ALL LOOKING FOR

The Longing for Joy

- I. **We find full and complete joy in an abiding relationship with Jesus** (John 15:7-11)

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⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

- II. **Jesus' joy is experienced in heartfelt worship** (Ps. 100, Nehemiah 8:5-18)
- III. **Jesus's joy is experienced in reproducing our lives into others** (1 Thess. 2:17-3:9, 3 Jn. 4)

IV. **Jesus' joy is experienced in generous contribution to God's work** (1 Chron. 29:1-9, Ezra 7: 7-13, 2 Cor. 8:1-5)

V. **Jesus' joy is experienced in expecting that God will deliver on His promises** (James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:3-9)

Application

1. Maintain a daily and moment by moment connection to Jesus by faith
2. Develop a lifestyle of praise and thanksgiving and be intentional to honor a weekly Sabbath to pour your heart out in worship
3. Make an investment to share your heart, your faith and your life, on the deepest level, with others
4. Generously contribute to the Lord's work and pray for supernatural results
5. Trust in God's faithfulness and claim His specific promises for your life