



Unstoppable Joy, part 3

Philippians 2:12-18

Joy in connection and service to others

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Relational connection to a spiritually growing community plus sacrificial service, results in contagious joy

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4. Results in reciprocal and contagious joy (2:17-18)