

Message Outline

A Splash of Joy

John 15:1-17



Intro: A sermon special for my daughter...

- The story behind our children's name selection: Biblical and personal significance.
- Joy in the Bible...
 - Mentioned hundreds of times...
 - Announced at Jesus' birth (Lk.2:10ff.).
 - Fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22-23).
 - Book of Philippians...
 - *Biblical joy deeper than circumstances but rooted in our Savior! (Jms.1:2ff)
- Acronym for JOY...
 - J _____
 - O _____
 - Y _____
- Middle name after her mother...Julie a mother marked by true joy!
 - Shares dad's birth month and initials (3-J).
- Life verse on joy...John 15:11.

Read: John 15:1-17

- Context of this joyful passage not pleasant...Jesus facing the cross!
- v.1-2**—Cutting and pruning...
- v.3-5**—A life of remaining/abiding/staying connected to Jesus...
- v.6-8**—Asking in alignment with God's word/glory...
- v.9-11**—Joy's life verse and overflow of God's love to and thru us...
- v.12-17**—God's love leads us to a life of love.

Lessons from the Life Verse (John 15:11)

- 1) _____
 - True, lasting joy found in Jesus ("my joy")...
- 2) _____
 - The need of personal faith in infusion...
- 3) _____
 - Going onto completion...a whole life of following Jesus, not a momentary step...