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Bible Study

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Don't Lose Your Joy

Philippians 1:17-19

Luke 15:4 reads, *"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?"* (NLT) This verse records the avenues one person was willing to take in order to recapture something that was missing. A common occurrence of most people is losing various commodities during their journey through life. Every Christian should seek to find joy in serving God and do all in their power to sustain it. This lesson is designed to share where believers should find joy.

Breakdown of Philippians Chapter 1

1. The _____ of Paul	**Verses 1-11**
2. The _____ for Paul	**Verses 12-26**
3. The _____ from Paul	**Verses 27-30**

1. Believers should take joy in _____ to God.
Chapter 1:3, 4
"I thank my God every time I remember you. 4) In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy." (NIV)

2. Believers should take joy in _____ about God.
Chapter 1:15-18
"It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16) The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17) The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18) But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice." (NIV)

3. Believers should take joy in _____ towards God.
Chapter 1:21-25
"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22) If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23) I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

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24) but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 25) Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith." (NIV)

4. Believers should take joy in _____ of God.

Chapter 2:17, 18

"But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. 18) Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy." (NLT)

5. Believers should take joy in _____ for God.

Chapter 4:1-4

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work. 2) Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. 3) And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life. 4) Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!" (NLT)

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