

Series: Joyful Living – Part 2
Scripture: Philippians 1:12-26
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RENEW YOUR PASSION FOR JESUS CHRIST

*Galatians 5:22 But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...*

Five keys to restoring your passion for Jesus Christ and helping to bring the joy of Jesus back into your life.

1. BE CLEAR ABOUT _____!

*Philip. 1:12-13 Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, **it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.***

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

2. BE ENCOURAGED BY THE _____!

*Philip. 1:14 **Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged** to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.*

*Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how we may **spur one another on** toward love and good deeds.*

3. KEEP FOCUSED ON _____!

*Philip. 1:15-18a It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 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.***

Matthew 6:31-33 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 10:41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, **but only one thing is needed**. Mary has chosen what is better..."

4. MAGNIFY CHRIST IN _____!

Philip. 1:18b-21 Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage **so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.**

Col. 3:17 And **whatever you do**, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

5. FULFILL MY _____!

Philip. 1:22-26 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! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. **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,** so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. **So use your gift well.** (CEV)