



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
KNOWING JESUS AND MAKING JESUS KNOWN

God Never Said That
Week 3: More Than Happy
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Good morning C3 Family! I hope you are being blessed by our current series, “God Never Said That,” as we tackle some common phrases that sound comforting, wise and even biblical but as we learning, are things God never said! Today we are going to tackle another common misconception and phrase that “God wants me to be happy.” Now that one is counterintuitive but as we dive into the Word we will find that God wants something even better for us!

Scripture: John 15:9-11; Philippians 1:4-6; 1 Peter 1:13-16; John 15:1-6

1. Happiness is _____, but biblical joy comes from remaining in _____ and obedience to _____.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:9–11

⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first dayⁱ until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:4-6

2. God’s goal is _____, and it leads to _____.

¹³Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:13–16

John 15:1-6

3. Lasting joy is found in _____ through every_____.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” John 15:11

Application:

1. Trusting God through every season means choosing obedience even when it’s hard.
2. Scripture reminds us that joy is sustained by hope because God is near, He is faithful, He is not finished yet, and He will come through on His promises.
3. Even in difficult seasons we can say, “God I don’t feel happy, but I trust You.” That trust doesn’t diminish joy, it deepens our joy.