

## **Joy Motivated – Part 2**

**Series Memory Verse:** *“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” Galatians 5:22–23 (p.893)*

*“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!” Philippians 4:4 (p.901)*

- **I Am Motivated To Live In Joy.**

- 1. Live in unconditional gratitude.**

*“Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’” Luke 15:25–27 (p.798)*

*“No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us.” John 1:18 (p.809)*

- 2. Find something to be thankful for.**

*“The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’” Luke 15:28–30 (p.798)*

*“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (p.896)*

- 3. Embrace God’s grace.**

*“His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’” Luke 15:31–32 (p.798)*

*“Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.” Galatians 5:25 (p.893)*

*“...The joy of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10 (p.377)*

### **My Next Step This Week:**

I am motivated in live in Joy, by...