# W's love and joy: discover the connection

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS

God So Loved, Love Like You, Nothing But the Blood, Mighty to Save, Go and Follow

## WELCOME

Use your favorite search engine (Google, etc.) to look for songs with the word "happy" in the title; do the same for songs with "joy" in the title. What difference do you notice between these two sets of songs --- content, songwriters, singers?

### READ IT!

## WORD

1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

### PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

### TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about how joy and love are connected?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

## POINT IT OUT

### INTRO (Matthew 22:37-39, 1 John 4:19-21, Romans 13:10)

- 1. Prayer (Philippians 1:1-4, 8-10)
- 2. Encouragement (Philippians 1:5-7, Ephesians 4:29)
- 3. Perspective (Numbers 13:27-33, 14:8-10, Philippians 1:12-24, Romans 8:28)

## WORKS

## APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "LOVE AND JOY: Discover the Connection", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

### **PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION**

Pray for family, friends, co-workers/classmates, and even "enemies" to discover true happiness in the Lord. Share the gospel with them to demonstrate His love for them.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

### **Philippians 1:9**

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment.

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

• Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

#### II. Country and the World

• Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.

- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented.

• Continue to pray for the rest of Israeli hostages to be restored to their families safely. Pray for Israel and the war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory.

• For the civil war in Syria to end peacefully, protection for Christians and other minorities, freedom from oppression for Syrians. Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly throughout the country.

• Pray for the Sudanese people and the persecuted Christians there; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God's word and His people bring them comfort and hope.

### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, dleaders, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expand worldwide.

### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain
- V. Personal Concerns
  - Deeper intimate relationship with God.
  - Righteous living.
  - Salvation of family and friends