**Series: Real Life Christmas**

**Message: Joy December 15, 2019**

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**The Gift of Presence**

Isaiah 9:6-7 | Luke 2:1-19

**What do you do when “too good to be true” is true?**

 **Go and see.**

Jeremiah 29:13

**Joy is relational, not circumstantial.**

John 15:11 | James 1:2-3 | Galatians 5:22 | Philippians 1:3-6

**My Joy is not based on what happens to me, but on what**

**God is doing in me and through me.**

**Beware of Joy suckers.**

* **Forgetting God’s blessing.** Numbers 13-14
* **Wrong complaining**: It is ok to complain to God; it’s not ok to complain about God.
* **Negativity (thoughts, people, environments).**

Galatians 5:7-9 | 1 Corinthians 15:33 | Philippians 4:4-9 | Philippians 2:14 | 1 Peter 4:9 | James 5:9 | Psalm 100:4

* **Discontentment.** Matthew 20:10-11 | Deuteronomy 7:25

**Joy is a delight:** Psalm 43:3-4, 112:1 | 1 Thessalonians 2:19

* In the person of God.
* The purposes of God.
* The people of God.

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