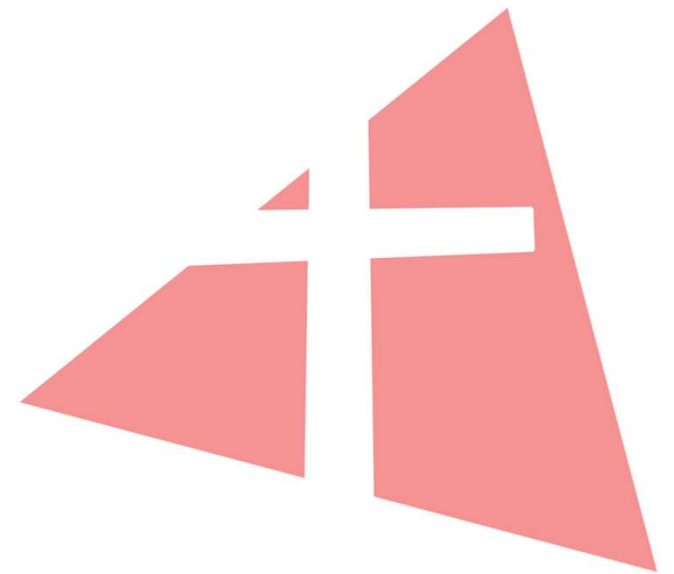


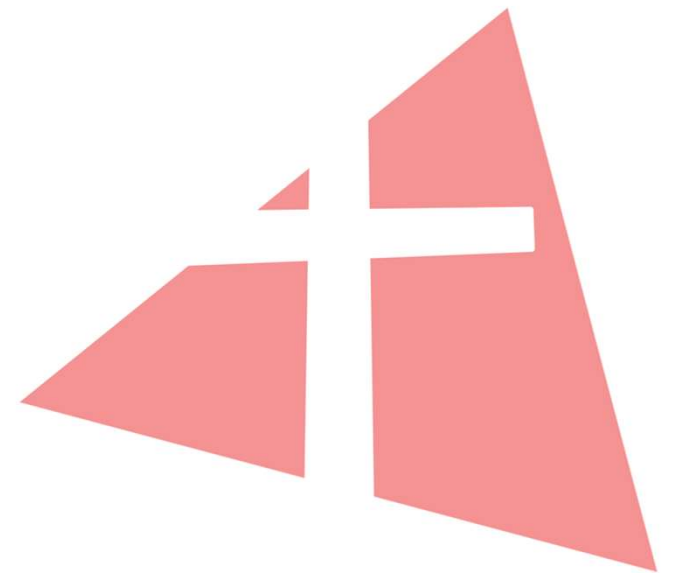
Receive God's Joy

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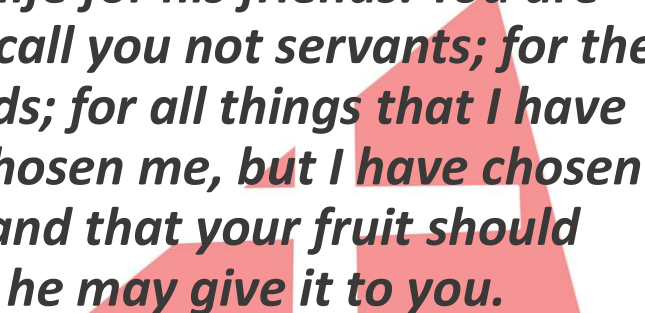
The Gospel of John

- **A previous sermon: The Vine and the Branches**
- **Today's Focus: Receive God's Joy**



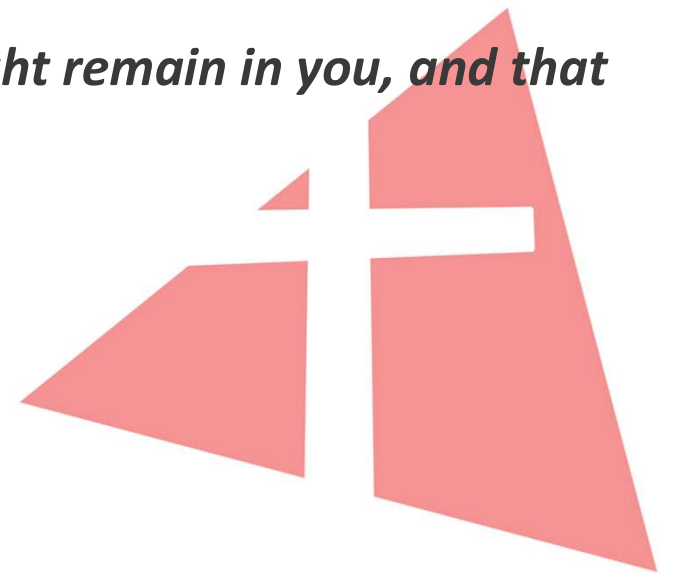
Today's Passage

John 15:11-16 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. From now on I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.



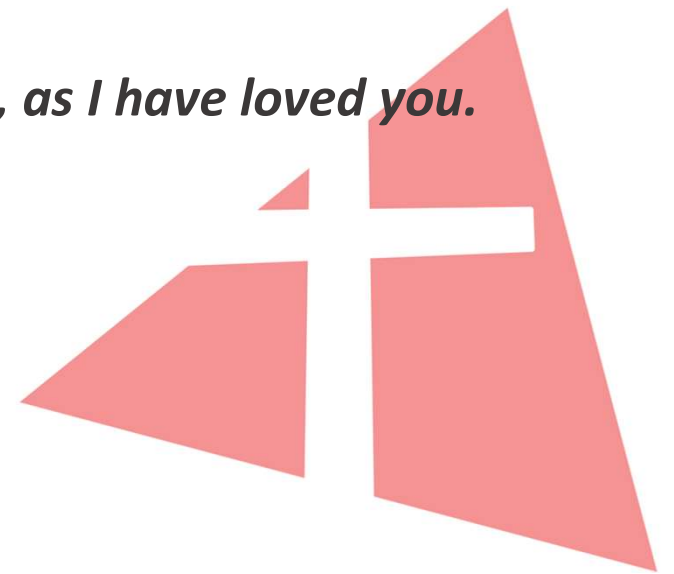
Joy

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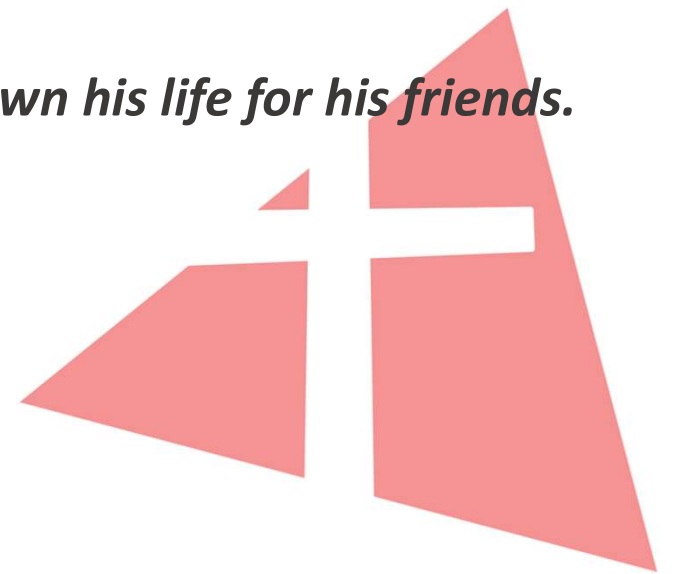
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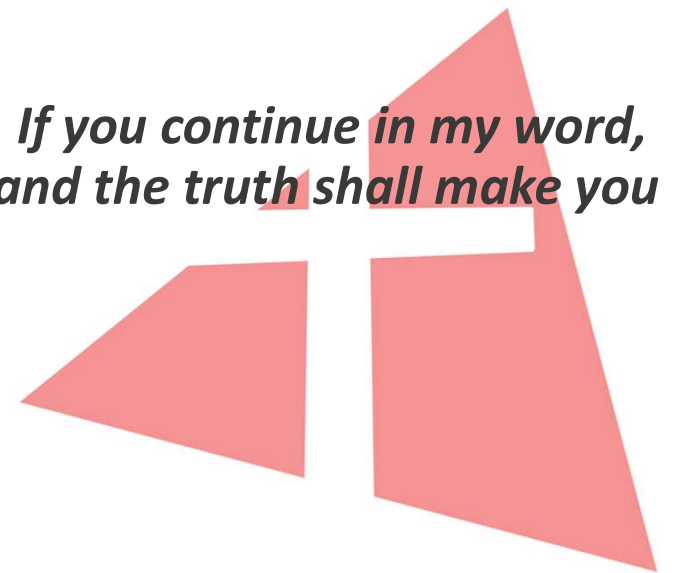
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Joy comes from Obedience

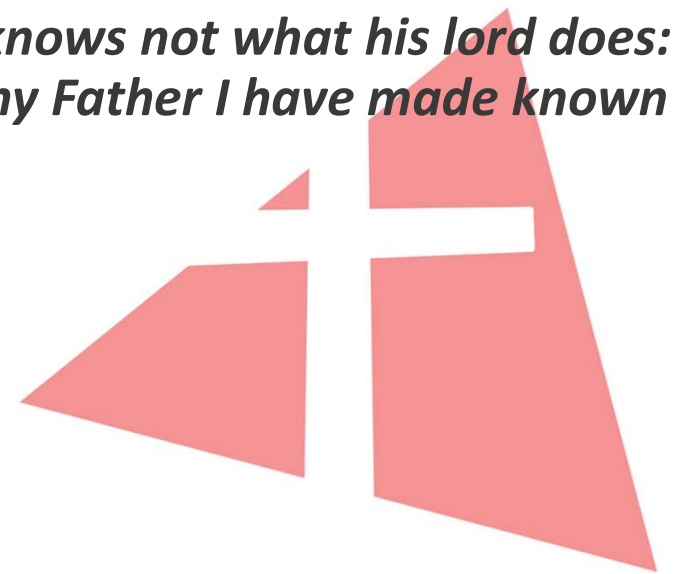
John 15:14 You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.



Friends (not Servants)

John 15:15 From now on I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.



Prayer

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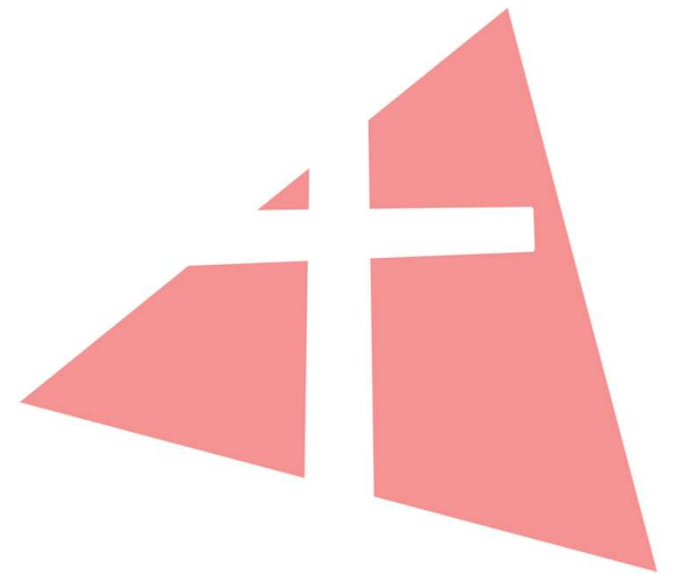
How can we find Joy?

Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life: in your presence is fulness of joy; at your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.



Application

- **What's hindering me from receiving God's joy?**
 - Not seeking God's presence? Lack of prayer?
 - No Love for others?
 - Lack of obedience?
 - Identity?
 - ...



In Conclusion

- **God wants to give His joy to all of us**
- **What does God want me to do to receive His joy?**

