

## GENUINE JOY IN AN IMPERFECT WORLD

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**INTRODUCTION: Joy is great pleasure and happiness, and Christ brought joy to the world.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16; Philippians 4:4

### *The Sources of Grief and depression...*

1. **Bad stuff that shouldn't happen.**
2. **Good stuff that doesn't happen. *Unmet expectations***

John 16:16-24 (ESV)

### *The secrets to experiencing joy in an imperfect world?*

1. **When life doesn't make sense, ask God to sort things out:**  
  
Hebrews 12:2
2. **Jesus says to think of a woman giving birth to a baby—her sorrow is for a little while, then quickly forgotten.**

3. **We now have direct access to the Father, so we can ask him for anything anytime to experience complete, full joy.**

John 16:23-24:

**DO THE ASK!**