

BIGGER PICTURE JOY

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Joy Infusion, part 4

BIG IDEA: Living for something bigger than ourselves can get us back in the joy-zone.

Philippians 1:12-14

1. Living for something _____ _____. **The Whole Gospel**

- **An Announcement:** “There is a new king and kingdom!”
- **The Gospel Message:** God was acting decisively thru Jesus’ person and work (incarnation, life, death, rez, ascension) to rescue and reconcile the world back to himself—bringing forgiveness, freedom, family, heaven and restoration to all creation.
- **The Gospel Manifested:** Forgiveness, reconciliation, restoration, healing, family, peace, love, compassion, mercy, depth, refining, character. All kingdom of God.
“Christ’s love compels us” **2 Cor. 5:14.**

2. Living for something bigger than ourselves _____ _____.

“...we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” **Genesis 50:20**

3. Interpreting Life thru the larger picture _____ _____. Courage is contagious!

¹⁴ “because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.”

“... the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” **Daniel 3:16-18**

“Yeah, so what?”

4. With a bigger perspective you can have joy _____ _____. (Philippians 1:12-18)

IN PRACTICE:

¹ _____ **into the Gospel of the Kingdom: survey, study, learn, own it for yourself.** (Mt. 28; 1 Cor. 15; Col. 1, etc.)

² _____ **a vision that you are part of something far bigger than yourself.** Explore missions, evangelism here, through-out world. (Col. 1:19-22)

³ _____ **that you are an Ambassador of that Gospel and God’s kingdom.** (2 Cor. 5:17-21)

⁴ _____ **of others having to be like you to be legitimate.** (Mark 9:40; Phil. 1:15-18)

⁵ _____ **that God’s Gospel is advancing.** (Rom. 1:16)

⁶ _____ **to someone God has already placed in your life.** (Phil. 1:14)