




**December Sermon Series:  
UNSPEAKABLE JOY!**



**Foundation Scripture:**  
**1 PETER 1:8 (GW)**

**1 Peter 1:8 (GW), Although you have never seen Christ, you love Him. You don't see Him now, but you believe in Him. You are extremely happy with joy and praise that can hardly be expressed in words as you obtain the salvation that is the goal of your faith.**

**“Christian joy is letting Christ live His life out through you so that what He is you become.”**

**It is a settled assurance, a quiet confidence, and a choice to trust God, no matter the circumstance.**



**Lesson Four:**  
**Keys to Joyful Living**




# 1. JOY CELEBRATES!

Luke 15:4-10

**Luke 15:4-10, “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’**

**I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**





**“Fear- base repentance makes us  
hate ourselves, joy-based  
repentance makes us hate the  
sin.”**



## **2. JOY ABIDES!**

**John 15:10-11**

**John 15:10-11, If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.**

**Ephesians 3:14-19, For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**



# **3. JOY READS!**

**Psalm 19:8**

**Psalm 19:8, The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart.**

**Psalm 119:14, I have rejoiced in your decrees as much as in riches.**

**Psalm 119:162, I rejoice in your word like one who finds a great treasure.**




# **Three Ways God's Word Sparks Joy:**



**God Speaks To Us In His Word.  
Psalm 119:105**






**God's Word Reminds Us Who He  
Is.  
Exodus 3:14**



**God's Word Reveals His Promises.  
Psalm 119:16**

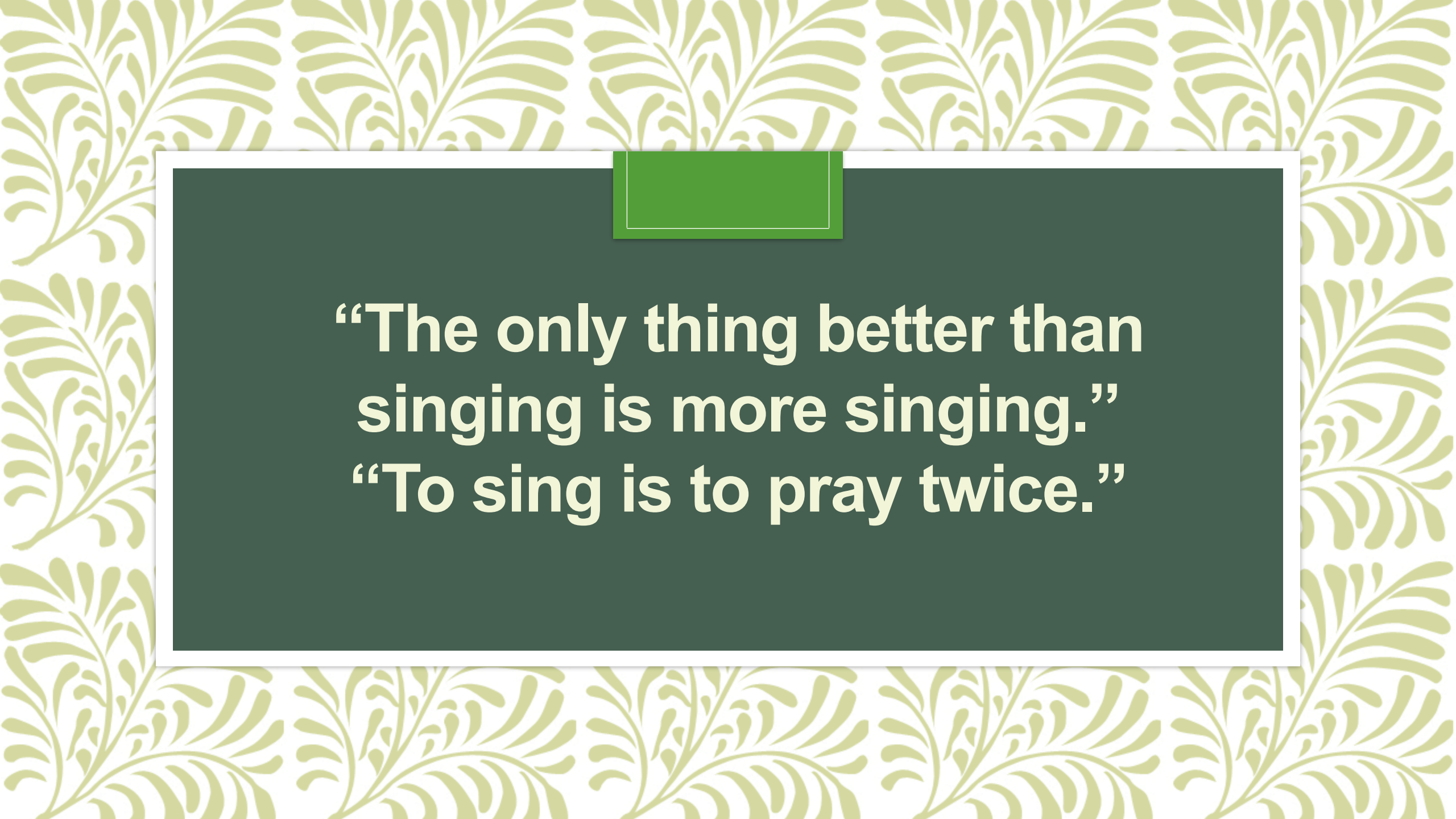


**“The Bible is the only book  
whose Author is always  
present when one reads it.”**



# **4. Joy Sings!**

## **Ephesians 5:18-19**



**“The only thing better than  
singing is more singing.”**  
**“To sing is to pray twice.”**



# **5. Joy Gives!**

## **II Corinthians 8:1-2**

**II Corinthians 8:1-2, Now I want to tell you, dear friends, what God in His kindness has done for the churches in Macedonia. Though they have been going through much trouble and hard times, their wonderful joy and deep poverty have overflowed in rich generosity.**



**When God blesses you financially,  
don't raise your standard of living.  
Raise your standard of giving.”**





# **6. Joy Asks!**

**John 16:24**

**John 16:24, Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your *joy* will be complete.**



**“Expect Great Things From  
God.”**



# 7. Joy Serves!

Psalm 100:2



# 8. Joy Thinks!

Philippians 4:8