



Losing Yourself in Joy
Philippians 2:1-18
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How do you walk the way Jesus walked and live the way He did, when things break and life doesn't go according to plan?

And how do you live well with others, serve them, avoid complaint and argument and instead be joyful?

We naturally think we need more superpowers.

Jesus' way is that you would become LESS.

Losing yourself in joy means:

The joy-filled life of losing self, and gaining Christ. Of laying down self and being raised and strengthened to serve.

This is the life you were made for.

What is the life that is worthy of the Good News about Jesus?

A life that in humility thinks of others as more significant than me.

Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (NLT)

Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT)

How can we receive the benefits of His sacrifice and then refuse to follow His example?

Jesus' attitude:

1. Think of others more than yourself
2. Serve
3. Sacrifice
4. Glorify God.

God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT)

Do everything without grumbling or arguing. Philippians 2:14 (NIV)

Why do I complain?

If you don't file your complaints in the right way, to the right person, things can go sideways.

Respond to Jesus' call, and shine!

"O, my God! You're alive and active in me.
You're choosing to use me!
Seriously!

Jesus, thank you that I get to serve others!
Thank you that you are at work in me!"

This is the life of joy.

And it is a life that shines.