



The Joy of Community: Philippians 2:1-13

Week 3 in our series *Joyful Life with Jesus*

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A song of the early church in verses 6–11

- ✿ YouTube clickbait: Did Jesus think he was God?
- ✿ In this song, written soon after Jesus died, the church did!



Community Commitments that lead to joy

- ✿ _____ is the basis for caring (v 4)
- ✿ Jesus, who is _____ than us, was humble (v 7)
- ✿ God will _____ Jesus for His humility (v 9)
- ✿ The _____ to become humble: Life with God (v 13)

Tips to find joy in Christian community?

- ✿ Sit with God often to meet your needs for love, approval, and direction
- ✿ Be impressed by others' character, gifts, and devotion to God
- ✿ Don't win arguments when you disagree — find God's best

Remember!

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The Daily Connections (Good Morning God, Spiritual Boost, Good Night Review) open our lives to God's love and direction and power.

Good Morning God should be the first thing we do every day when waking up. The *Spiritual Boost* connects us with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when we have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, we finish our day with *Good Night Review*, and this allows God's joy and forgiveness to come to us as we drift into sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and you will be amazed at how they affect your life. Give it a try and see how you are fundamentally changed by time with God!

Here are suggested readings in the Bible for your **Spiritual Boosts** this week:

Day 1: Read Philippians 2:1-4

- ✳ What helps you think of others interests and not just your own?

Day 2: Read Philippians 2:5-11

- ✳ After reading this song about Jesus, spend a few minutes talking with Jesus in prayer about how amazing He is!

Day 3: Read Philippians 2:12-13

- ✳ How do you combine these ideas of working hard and yet letting God do the work in you?

Day 4: Read Philippians 2:14-18

- ✳ How can your life shine "like bright lights (stars) in a world full of crooked and perverse people" (v 14)?

Day 5: Read Philippians 2:19-30

- ✳ What do you learn about a good pastor from this description of Timothy and Epaphroditus?