**Series: Believe**

**Today: All About Joy**

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**BELIEVE GRAPHIC FOR THIS WEEK**

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**Key Idea: Despite my circumstances, I feel inner contentment and understand my purpose in life.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16**

*Rejoice always.*

**Matthew 25:23**

*Come and share your Master’s happiness!*

***Galatians 5:22-23***

*22But the fruit of the Spirit is love,* ***joy****, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

1. All happiness in this life is blended with sadness.

***John 16:33***

*I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.*

***2 Corinthians 6:10***

*sorrowful, yet always rejoicing …*

1. Your happiness is mixture of belief and behavior.

***1 Peter 1:8-9***

*8Jesus, having not seen, you love; and in whom, though you do not see Him now, you believe and you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, 9receiving as the result of your faith the salvation of your souls.*

**High resolution photo of the church of the Beatitudes with the sea of Galilee in background.**

***Matthew 5:3-12***

*3“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
4Blessed are those who mourn,  
    for they will be comforted.  
5Blessed are the meek,  
    for they will inherit the earth.  
6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
    for they will be filled.  
7Blessed are the merciful,  
    for they will be shown mercy.  
8Blessed are the pure in heart,  
    for they will see God.  
9Blessed are the peacemakers,  
    for they will be called children of God.  
10Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*11“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

3. Beware of counterfeit happiness that cherishes the gifts over the Giver.

**“Defiant Nevertheless”**