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Message Series: True Christ Followers Have Christ's Joy

Psalm 71:1-6, 22, 23

Psalm 71:9

Romans 5:8-11

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## 1. Living A Life of Confident Faith

The Struggle of Life - Psalm 71:1, 2

**The Palmist:** "I would believe in <u>their salvation</u> if <u>they looked</u> a little more like people who had <u>been</u> saved."

James 1:2-4

Philippians 2:14-16

<u>Isaiah 30:15</u>

Why Is The Struggle So Relentless? Because God wants to change us and we don't want to be changed...

We <u>short-circuit</u> the <u>process</u> and <u>remain immature</u>.

Galatians 2:20

Joyful Truth: I have the same human body but the old Satanic right to myself has been destroyed.

Zephaniah 3:17 Psalm 71:5, 6

## 2. Re-Discovering Jesus: The Man of Joy

John 15:11

◆ The Son of man came, enjoying life - Luke 7:34 (Phillips)

Jesus Enjoying Life: 3 Areas

1) Jesus—A Joyful Attitude

Mark 10:16 "Then He took the children into His arms..."

2) Jesus—Full of Humor

Matthew 23:23, 24

Matthew 7:3, 5

3) Jesus—A Man of Joy In His Actions

Matthew 14:22-33

**Notice**: Peter was taking <u>huge steps</u> of <u>faith</u>: Jesus knew <u>he needed</u> words of <u>encouragement</u>.

## 3. In Our World of Sorrow and Stress: Discover A New Way of Thinking

James 1:2-4

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