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Worship Team..... Freedom

Welcome

Worship Team..... The Lion And The Lamb
This Is The Day

Message..... Executive Pastor Dr. David Sylvester
Unshakable Joy (Week 2)

Offering/Dismissal

UNSHAKABLE JOY: PART 2

The experience of a genuine believer:

*Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion... **Philippians 2:1 (NASB)***

The source of our joy:

*...make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, and intent on one purpose! **Phil. 2:2 (NASB)***

4 KEYS TO DIGGING FOR JOY

1. You find your joy when you realize that the best things in life are not things!

*Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, and the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves." **2 Kings 4:1 (NASB)***

*He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity. When good things increase, those who consume them (also) increase... **Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (NASB)***

TAKE THE JOY TEST!

2. You find your joy when your goal is not making more but needing less.

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation... 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NASB)

Elijah said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." 2 Kings 4:2 (NASB)

Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels at large for yourself from all your neighbors, even empty vessels; do not get a few." 2 Kings 4:3 (NASB)

"So, she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons; they were bringing the vessels to her and she poured." 2 Kings 4:5 (NASB)

3. You find your joy when you live for something you cannot see.

When the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not one vessel more." And the oil stopped. 2 Kings 4:6 (NASB)

Reasons that God may limit what we have: Philippians 4:18, Deuteronomy 8:4, 1 Timothy 6:17, Matthew 25

4. You find your joy, and you also find the reason for your existence.

Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest." 2 Kings 4:7 (NASB)

Joy comes to us!

Going deeper on your own: For some of us, joy seems too elusive and hard to find! What fills you full of joy? Does it require *things*? Do we experience anxiety and rapid heartbeats over what we do not have? Place yourself in the mindset and heart of this young mom and widow in II Kings 4. How did she feel? Have you had a desperate experience as she did? Let's remind ourselves what the real source of joy is – it's not a thing or an experience- it's a Person!