

**We are Not a perfect Church**  
**We are Not a Perfect People**  
**We are here because we Know we need God's Help**  
**We know He has provided that help through Jesus Christ**



CFF is called to:  
Radiate the love of Christ  
Reach the Lost and the Saved in order to  
Restore them into fully mature followers of Christ

## **Sermon Notes**

**James 1** 2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

**Hebrews 12** 1 ... And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame...

**Philippians 4** 4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!

**Galatians 5** 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control...

**Galatians 5** 19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger,

selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

**John 16** 19 Jesus realized they wanted to ask him about it, so he said, “Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won’t see me, but a little while after that you will see me again. 20 I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. 21 It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. 22 So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.

**John 15** 9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

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### **Action Steps**

- Are you still living in the flesh producing the fruit of the flesh in your sin? You need to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and experience the change God has planned for you and your life!

- Christian – have you been surrendering your Joy to the troubles of your circumstances? You need to hold on to what the Holy Spirit is growing in you and Trust God through it all! Endure the moment and experience the Joy of the faithful God you serve!