Joy IN God My Saviour

Hab 3:18; Luke 1:46-47

The Profound Action: "Rejoice"

The Primary Object: "in God"

Application of "Joy IN God My Saviour"

- 1. How does the action of "rejoicing" relate to the emotion of "joy"?
- 2. Consider the different aspects of "joy" and "rejoicing"
 - a. Joy is a deep emotion (this includes having joy even when we're experiencing other negative emotions)
 - b. Joy is from God (e.g. Gal 5:22; John 15:11; 1 Thess 1:6)
 - c. Joy is not dependent on circumstances (e.g. Hab 3:16-18; Acts 5:41; 2 Cor 7:4; James 1:2)
 - d. Joy is commanded (Ps 100:2; Matt 5:11-12; 1 Thess 5:16; Phil 4:4)
 - e. Joy is not a choice, but we can make choices that grow our joy
- 3. Will you pray this prayer daily for the rest of the year, *Lord*, *you command me to be joyful and you produce joy in my life, so, please hear and answer my prayer by granting me the joy you command me to have.*
- 4. Consider various passages with examples and exhortations to ground your theology of "joy in God" from Scripture (e.g. 1 Sam 2:1; Pss 27:4; 32:11; 35:9; 40:16; 42:1-2; Is 29:19; Phil 3:1; 4:4)
- 5. Prayerfully consider whether God is your "exceeding joy" or if someone else or something else is. If you're not finding ultimate joy in God, repent of your sin and ask His help so He is your "exceeding joy"
- 6. What might you need to do or stop doing to grow in your joy in God? Remember we don't grow in such joy by seeking joy, but seeking God!
- 7. When you're in God's Word and prayer is it to grow in your relationship with Him or for some other purpose and reason (e.g. guilt, tradition)?
 - a. How can you be more intentional to know and love God through His Word?
- 8. How does a person's relationship with their spouse (assuming it's healthy) help you understand the relationship God wants to have with us?
- 9. How does finding our ultimate joy in God relate to the joy we find in His gifts to us?

Reading this week: Read and meditate on Hab 3:16-18; Luke 1:46-47

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date

Pastor _____

Book	Sermon Main Points	Other Bible References:		
	J IN G My S			
<u>Chapter</u>	The P A: "R"			
Verses	The P O: " G"			

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Lord/ Yahweh	Joy	Joyful/ Enjoy	People/Us	Rejoice(ing)	Saviour/ Salvation

What is the message about?

How can you do this?

What/who can you pray for?

Draw a picture related to the message: