October 23, 2022 2 John 1-6 *Finding Joy*

The Life that Birthed Joy

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

"The Bible teaches that true joy is formed in the midst of the difficult seasons of life" (Francis Chan).

Prerequisites to Joy: Grace Recognized

"Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete" (2 John 12).

A Life and Community of Truth (1-3)

"The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth" (2 John 1).

"So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied" (Acts 9:31).

A Life Dedicated to Truth (4-6)

"I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father" (2 John 4).

"If we claim that we experience a shared life with Him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth -- we're not living what we claim" (1 John 1:6, The Message).

"You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14).

