

**The Star: A Journey of Christmas
"The Impact Of Joy"**

1 Peter 1:3-9 & selected verses

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Have you ever received really good news?

(Luke 2:8-10; Psalm 96:11-13a)

So, what impact does joy have on you... your life? (1 Peter 1:3-9)

"3 Realities About Joy We Must Understand This Christmas"

1. Joy and HAPPINESS are not the same thing!

(Neh 8:10; Psalm 28:7; 2 Cor 12:9; Gal 5:22-23)

- Nathan's Working Definition of **Joy** – The JUBILANT and CONFIDENT SENSE that we are living RIGHT with God.

2. Joy is a CHOICE I make!

(John 16:21; 1 Thess 5:16-18; Heb 12:1-3; James 1:2-3)

- Joy is a choice, happiness is CIRCUMSTANTIAL.
- You see, **Joy** is the result of FAITHFULNESS... especially through those difficult times!
- But **joy** must also be CULTIVATED and PRACTICED.

3. Joy cannot be STOLEN or TAKEN away...but it can be GIVEN away! (John 15:11; 16:22; Phil 4:4)

"Restoring Your Joy"

1. ADMIT it's gone!
2. ANALYZE the cause!
3. CORRECT what's wrong!
4. CHOOSE an attitude of gratitude!

