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Familiarity often does bad things to us. Often when we become familiar with things, we begin to take them for granted. When we are familiar with things, we tend to quit examining them. Often when we are familiar with things, we quit noticing them.





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When we are familiar with things, we tend not to celebrate them as we once did. Familiarity tends to rob us of our wonder. And here's what's important about this: what has captured the wonder of our hearts will control the way we live.

Angels we have heard on high,  
Singing sweetly o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their **joyous** strains.

("Gloria in Excelsis")





**Joy** to the world, the Lord is come,  
Let earth receive her King.

("Joy to the World")



Oh tidings of comfort and **joy**,  
Comfort and **joy**,  
Oh tidings of comfort and **joy**.

("God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen")







Joy is *not* happiness.





# Romans 12:12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.









# Dallas Willard

How many people are radically and permanently repelled from The Way by Christians who are unfeeling, stiff, unapproachable, boringly lifeless, obsessive, and dissatisfied? Yet such Christians are everywhere, and what they are missing is the wholesome liveliness springing from a balanced vitality within the freedom of God's loving rule.

















God alone is the  
source of every joy.



# Matthew 13:44

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then **in his joy** went and sold all he had and bought that field.”





# Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life;  
you will **fill me with joy** in your  
presence, with eternal pleasures at  
your right hand.



# Psalm 28:6

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart **leaps for joy**, and with my song I praise him.



# Psalm 65:8

The whole earth is filled with awe at  
your wonders; where morning dawns,  
where evening fades, **you call forth  
songs of joy.**





# Psalm 90:14

Satisfy us in the morning with your  
unfailing love, that we may **sing for joy**  
and be glad all our days.



# Luke 2:4-12

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave



# Luke 2:4-12

birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they



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were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. **I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”



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The beautiful world that God had created was now broken and groaning—the direct result of the rebellion of the ones God had made in his own image ... The evidence of its brokenness was everywhere, from the inner recesses of the hearts of people, to violence and corruption of government, to the existence of plagues and diseases. Sure, there was beauty still to be seen, but the whole world groaned under the weight of its



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brokenness. It would have been just for God to stay his distance, to let the world quake and groan. ... But in one of the gorgeous mysteries of God's sovereign grace, he looked on his broken, rebellious world with eyes of mercy.

... His response would not be condemnation and judgment. His response would not be a meting out of justice. Rather, his response would be intervention and





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rescue. He would do in grace what the law could never do. He would do in grace what we could never do for ourselves.

... God would take on human flesh and invade his sin-broken world with his wisdom, power, glory, and grace. But he wouldn't descend to a palace. Instead, the Lord Almighty, the Creator, the sovereign King over all things would humble himself and take on the



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form of servant; he would live on our behalf the life we could have never lived, he would willingly die the death that you and I deserve to die, and he would rise from his tomb as the conqueror of sin and death. He would suffer every single day of his life so that he could, with his life, give grace to rebels, extend love to those who would deny his existence, impart wisdom to those who think they know better, and extend





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forgiveness to everyone who seeks him. His coming stands as an affirmation that he will not relent, he will not be satisfied until sin and suffering are no more and we are like him, dwelling with him in unity, peace, and harmony forever and ever.



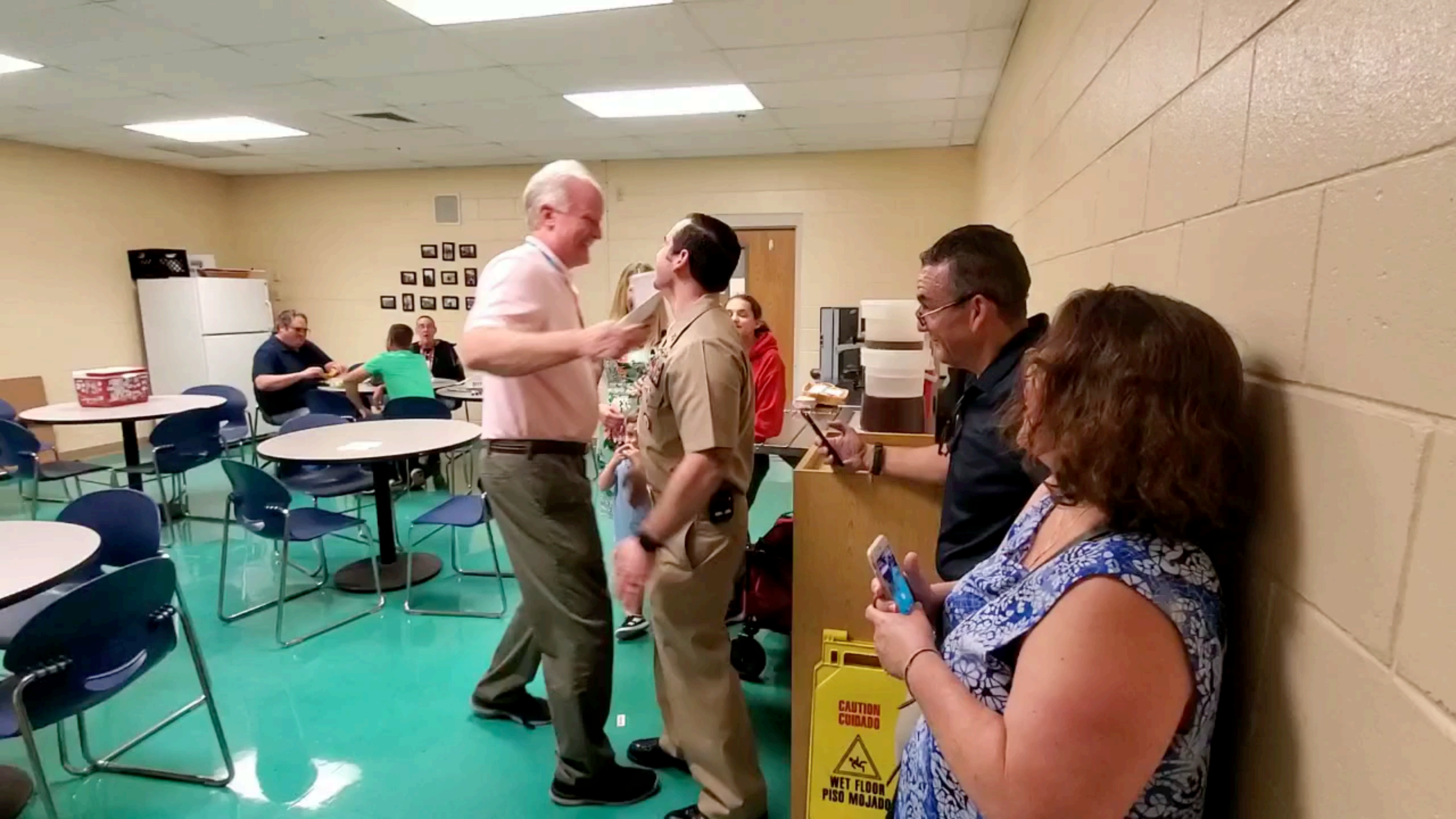


Every experience of joy  
carries with it a characteristic  
stab, a pang, an inconsolable  
longing.





















# St. Augustine

You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our heart is restless until it finds  
its rest in you.



# C. S. Lewis

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to



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despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death ... I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same.'



# John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”



# John 14:1-6

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.







# Summary

Joy results when our deepest longings find their rest in the promises of God.