

## 5. The Necessity of Joy

Every day in life we have a myriad of choices and decisions to make. Our natural inclination is to choose and do those things that bring us joy and happiness. One of the underlying values of our country is the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

So, are these things important? Is joy a necessity in life, or can/should we attempt to live without it? Why is having joy in our lives important? Scott Matson addresses this issue from a Biblical perspective, offering hope and wisdom to those in the community who listen to KAPL.

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### Responsive Programming

Scott shares with us, from Deuteronomy 12 and Matthew 11 that the heart of God is that His people (Christians) would serve Him and do everything we do with joy and rejoicing. His desire is not that we would just trudge through life, barely surviving, and always sad, bummed out, etc. No! God wants His people to enjoy the life that He has given us.

There is a stream of teaching in the Church today that says that God wants you to be rich, healthy, and happy, and that if you just have enough faith those things will all work out. That's called the "Prosperity Gospel" – and it's false. That is not what Scott was talking about this morning. Scott was simply sharing the revealed heart of God in Scripture that walking with Him and serving Him is to be a joy and not a burden.

If we as Christians could truly get ahold of this truth, I believe it would revolutionize how we think, act, and live in this world. Knowing that God loves you and is for you is the greatest freedom and blessing one can experience.

These are the kinds of beneficial programming that KAPL is offering to the community.