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**Sermon Outline – April 8, 2007**  
**Living a Fruitful Life - Part 3**  
**“Joy that Lasts”**

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

Galatians 5:22-23

*<sup>1</sup> When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed.<sup>2</sup> Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev.<sup>5</sup> Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.<sup>6</sup> He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.*

Psalm 126:1-6

**1. Joy that lasts comes from \_\_\_\_\_**

*“And God looked at all that He had made and it was very good”*

Genesis 1:31

*“The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love. he will rejoice over you with singing.”*

Zephaniah 3:17

**2. Joy that lasts comes from \_\_\_\_\_**

*“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”*

John 15:10

**3. Joy is something \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”*

Philippians 4:4

*“You and I were created for joy, and if we miss it, we miss the reason for our existence. . . . If our joy is honest joy, it must somehow be congruous with human tragedy. This is the test of joy’s integrity: is it compatible with pain? . . . Only the heart that hurts has a right to joy.*

Lewis B. Smedes

**4. Joy is a witness \_\_\_\_\_**

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Psalm 126:2-3

**5. The secret to \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed **when they saw the Lord.***

John 20:19-20