

December 12 Adult Spiritual Growth Class Synopsis

Unshakable Hope: Chapter 11: Joy Is Soon Coming

Is there room in your heart for the Joy, Love, and Peace of Christ today and every day?

Will you trade your dreams for His Glory?

Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?

*“Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.” (Psalm 30:5). “Why are you weeping? Who is it you are looking for?” Jesus asks a grief-stricken and heart-broken Mary Magdalene outside the tomb (John 20:15). With great joy upon hearing Jesus call her name, Mary Magdalene exclaims, “I have seen the Lord!”, and she rushes to tell the disciples of the Good News. We lay claim to the joy of Mary Magdalene in the resurrected Christ *for God shall wipe away all tears; there shall be no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain, for the former things are passed away (Revelation 21:4).**

Lasting and full joy comes because Jesus comes (John 15:11, Luke 2:1-20). ‘But the angel said to the shepherds, “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. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.’

*In receiving the great Joy to the World, the King of Kings, let every heart prepare Him room. The Casting Crown’s song, *Make Room*, shares the Christmas story and our response of making room in our hearts to receive the Gift of all gifts. In that sleeping town and world, *the true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, born of God (John 1:9-13).**

Jesus has come to raise the lowly, the humble for they are precious in His sight (1 John 3:1, Luke 1:52). He will make the road straight and give rest to the weary and heavy laden for His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Luke 3:5, Matthew 11:28, 30). In His hands, He holds tomorrow; His plans are of hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). We are called to come as we, assured that God will never turn us away (John 6:37,40), setting us apart for His purpose and plan. In trading our dreams for His glory, He gives us the desires of our heart as we delight in Him (Psalm 30:5).

So, is there room in your heart for God to write His story? “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people.” (Jeremiah 31:33) “You are a letter written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” (2 Corinthians 3:3)

“You trust God, don’t you? Trust me. There is plenty of room in my Father’s home. If that weren’t so, would I have told you that I’m on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I’m on my way to get your room ready, I’ll come back and get you so you can live where I live. (John 14:1-4 The Message)

A song to reflect and pray on:

[Make Room by Casting Crowns Ft Matt Redman - YouTube](#)

Looking ahead – Sunday January 2

Chapter 12 – You Will Have Power

God's Promise

Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.