

Series: Advent  
Passage: Zephaniah 3:16-17  
Speaker: Pastor Jon

## THE LIFE CHALLENGE

### CONNECT

Share about an activity or hobby that gives you joy OR  
What's something about the Christmas season that bring you joy?



### IDENTITY

Pastor Jon highlighted the reality that in church we often talk about joy but feel depressed. How do you feel about the idea of joy and how you experience this (or don't) in your everyday life?

We heard two compelling reasons for joy in the message. Neither dependent on our situation. Which resonates more with you? Why?

- 1) YAHWEH intervenes (saves us)
- 2) YAHWEH is with us (now and coming)

### THE EXAMEN

If raised hands symbolize expectant faith and limp hands despair, where would you place yourself in terms of your inner life right now? *There is no shame in this, because we all have times where we need someone to hold up our arms for us.*

What would be a way that **someone could encourage you or you encourage someone** in this time?



Sermon  
Question

***What are the implications of a God who takes delight in us?***

### PRACTICE

***Choose one person to read out loud Zephaniah 3:17. Repeat this two more times slowly. Then wait quietly on Jesus.***

This is not a thing you can understand easily, so you will need to keep learning it. *God takes great delight in you.*

Take a moment to wait on Jesus. What invitation might Jesus be giving? What word might you need to hear from His heart to yours? What song might he sing over you? *Take a moment to listen also for one another.*

### PRAY TOGETHER

*If you are willing share needs (or even struggles) with one another. Then pray together.*