

VINEYARD Church of the Peninsula

Fathers' Day June 20, 2021

The Heart's Focus: JOY

Jesus went back to the Father / The Holy Spirit arrived / The church burst into being / Persecution erupted. For the next three decades, life for disciples of Jesus was ecstatic, challenging, terrifying, discouraging – all at the same time. It was only then, approximately 25-30 years later, that the accounts and letters we know as the books of the New Testament, were written. It was likely that those early years were so demanding that no one had the energy to reflect, to concentrate, to envision the future. Staying focused on joy gradually revealed itself as being of the utmost importance.

1. The Big, _____ Picture

a. Psalm 16:11, TPT - *“For you bring me continual revelation of resurrection life, the path to the bliss that brings me face-to-face with you.”*

b. Ephesians 3: 18,19, TPT – *“How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding – this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!”*

2. The Small, _____ Picture

a. Romans 5: 3-5 – Emerging _____

b. Hebrews 4: 14-16 – Emerging _____

c. 2 Peter 1: 3-11 – Emerging _____

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.

Billy Graham

What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity.

Jean Paul Richter