

EMOTIONS—PART 4
“TRUE JOY!”
Pastor Andy Shaffer—March 7, 2021

John 11:35—“Jesus wept.”

Matthew 23:37 (NLT)—“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.”

The Prodigal Son—Luke 15:11-32

Luke 15:17—“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’”

To Truly Experience The Joy Of Christ, I Need To...

1) Take A Step Toward The Father!

Luke 15:18-20—“I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

Luke 15:21-24—“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’
But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

Luke 15:25—“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’”

Luke 15:28—“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.”

2) Enjoy The Relationship Instead Of Just Following The Rules!

Luke 15:31-32—“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

3) Celebrate With Others!

Luke 15:23-24—“...Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

Luke 15:32—“But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”