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## *How we can find joy...* (Dr. Stephanie Collier)

- ◆ Perform regular aerobic activity.
- ◆ Dedicate yourself to others.
- ◆ Connect with your spiritual side.
- ◆ Discover something new.
- ◆ Give yourself permission to find pleasure in things.
- ◆ Pay attention to good, limit negativity.
- ◆ Focus on what brings meaning to your life.

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## **John 8:28-29**

So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

## **Hebrews 12:2**

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**John 15:11**

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

**John 10:11**

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

“Jesus calls his followers, not to a severe, lifeless, miserable existence that squashes human potential, but to a rich, full, joyful life, one overflowing with meaningful activities under the personal favor and blessing of God and in continual fellowship with his people.” -*ESV Study Bible*

## Safe in the Father – *safety despite hostility*

◆ Hostility from the world (vs. 14)

“The world hates that which is not of the world; it does not tolerate that which is foreign to it because that thing runs counter to the world’s starting point and pattern of life.” – *Herman Ridderbos*

## Safe in the Father – *safety despite hostility*

◆ Hostility from the evil one (vs. 15)

“The Christian’s task is not to be withdrawn from the world, nor to be confused with the world but to remain in the world, maintaining witness to the truth by the help of the Holy Spirit, and absorbing all the malice that the world can muster, finally protected by the Father himself.” – *D.A. Carson*

# Safe in the Father – *safety despite hostility*

- Reconsider our standards for “safety.”
- Rest in the safety that is offered to us.

## **Isaiah 43:1-3**

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

## **Luke 12:6-7**

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?  
And not one of them is forgotten before  
God. Why, even the hairs of your head are  
all numbered. Fear not; you are of more  
value than many sparrows.

## **Sanctified** in the Truth – *set apart although surrounded*

- ◇ Set apart though in the world (vv. 15, 17)
- ◇ Set apart in the word (vv. 14, 17)

“Sanctification does not happen apart from God’s Word. It is proven to us to be completely trustworthy.” – *Leon Morris*

# **Sanctified** in the Truth – *set apart although surrounded*

- We don't determine the proximity to the world in which our sanctification takes place
- We don't determine the means by which our sanctification takes place.

**Sent into the world** – *rather than taken out of it*

◇ Participation in the mission (vs. 18)

“Their lives are not to be aimless. They are given a definite commission by their Lord. Their task is to discharge it, even as he discharged his.” – *Leon Morris*

**Sent into the world** – *rather than taken out of it*

◊ Consecration in Christ (vs. 19)

“The disciples are not only safe but capable of continuing the mission.” – *Herman Ridderbos*

# Sent into the world – *rather than taken out of it*

- Recognize the barriers that naturally exist.
- Recognize the barriers we create.



## *The joy of Jesus is fulfilled in us...*

- When we rest in the safety of an eternal, unchanging, and constant Heavenly Father.
- When we are sanctified, set apart, and built up in the words of eternal life.
- When we boldly go forth in the confidence in the message of God's eternal love.