

The Parables
Hidden
in Plain Sight

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“²² After this, Jesus and His disciples went into the Judaeen countryside, and He spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³ John was also baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there. People kept coming and were being baptized. ²⁴ John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. ²⁵ Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. ²⁶ They came to John and said to him, ‘Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.’

²⁷ John answered, ‘No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, “I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.” ²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.’” -John 3:22-30

John’s joy was about Jesus! His ministry was about letting go.

One of the hardest things in life that you have to learn, if you're going

to receive joy from God, is to _____.

What is it that you need to let go of?

“Jesus said to them, to his disciples, ‘My food, that is what feeds me, is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’” -John 4:34

*“The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.”
-John 3:35*

_____ is a deadly game.

You and I are in danger of forfeiting the joy that God has for us when we're busy trying to chase somebody else's joy. Then the joy that God has for us is never allowed to unfold.

You Have to Get Two Things Straight

1. Who God is in _____ life.

2. Who God made _____ to be.

“Let us rejoice, let us have joy and exult and give him the glory for the marriage of the lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.”

-Revelation 19:7