



## CELEBRATION

### Spiritual Sweat – Part 7

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February 24, 2013

*“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.” Luke 2:10*

**Celebration: the practice of \_\_\_\_\_ into lives**

*“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” 1 John 5:3*

## THE PRACTICE OF CELEBRATION

### 1. PRACTICE \_\_\_\_\_

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28*

*See story of David and Shmei in 2 Samuel 16*

*“Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.” Psalm 30:5*



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#### 2. PRACTICE

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*“It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.”*  
*Philippians 1:15-18*

#### 3. PRACTICE

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*“Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”* Luke 11:27-28

*“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”* John 15:10-11

***“The Christian should be an alleluia  
from head to foot!” St. Augustine of Hippo***