

RULE OF LIFE

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Rule of Joy June 12, 2022

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Scripture: James 1:1-4

Sermon Overview: We have RULES for everything. There are rules of the road, rules for the games we play, rule of law. Spiritually speaking, a RULE OF LIFE consists of core values, core beliefs, and core practices. It's a CODE OF CONDUCT—rituals and routines, decisions and disciplines—by which we live our lives. This week we explore seven JOY RULES, and it starts with this—ENJOY THE JOURNEY.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What are the rules (core beliefs, values, and practices) you want to live your life by?
2. How does the quote from G.K Chesterton impact you? *"The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild."*

Sermon Specific Questions:

7 Joy Rules:

1. Joy is a choice.
2. Do the next thing.
3. Your focus determines your reality.
4. Joy isn't getting what you want; it's appreciating what you have.
5. You can't spell testimony without a test.

6. Enjoy the journey.
7. Prophesy your praise.

- Which of these rules speak to your deepest need right now? Why?
- What test are you facing that you believe God will turn into your testimony?
- Instead of waiting for certain things to happen to be joyful, we can choose to enjoy our journey. What are some ways you can purposefully enjoy your journey?

Digging Deeper:

- Visit ncc.re/ruleoflife to download a sketch of the sermon created by The Sketch Effect.
- Read the book of James and highlight revelations you can apply to your life.

Practical Application:

- Learn how to create your own Rule of Life: Online Masterclass June 28 and July 12. This 2-session online class will teach you how to create your own personal or family Rule of Life. Sign up at ncc.re/masterclass.
- Tune in to NCC Daily–Deep-dive the book of James through short teachings M-F. Get NCC Daily on our app or at ncc.re/daily.
- Join a small group ncc.re/groups to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET ncc.re/upperzoom. Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to ncc.re/prayerpods to sign up.
- Join us on Thursdays at the Capital Turnaround for House of Prayer: ncc.re/houseofprayer.