

Series: The Prayer of Jesus; Sermon: **Secure Joy**
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Bible text explored: John 17:12-13

¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. Many people aim for “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”
How are we doing at finding it?

In this passage, the words “I kept them” carries the sense of “I protected them,” while the phrase “son of destruction” carries the sense of “son of lostness.”

2. Have you asked for the shepherding protection Jesus offers as we submit to his leadership?
How might this involve reversing the precedence of our concerns, as spelled out by an acronym of the word joy?
 Jesus first,
 Others second,
 Yourself last.
3. The “these things” Jesus had spoken may have referred primarily to his farewell discourse (recorded in *John 13-17*). What will be the result of trusting and obeying all his teaching? (See *John 15:11*.)
4. Which of these daily practices might help you develop a regular devotional time?
 - a. Scheduling an appointment with God.
 - b. Choosing a special place for your rendezvous with him.
 - c. Keep on reading until you sense you’ve heard him speak.
5. How could you come ready to hear what God is saying to you, as you listen weekly to the preaching of God’s Word?
6. Until now, Jesus has guarded his followers. Now he is concerned for their survival in a hostile world. How does the “my joy” he offers, differ from momentary happiness?
What was the focus of Jesus’ joy as he looked beyond the cross?
Whose power had he offered to provide joy in any circumstance?
(See *John 14:16-17*.)