



Understanding Scripture, one verse at a time.

## WORD BY WORD

# The Joy of Advent: A Hopeful Expectation

### The Nature of Advent Joy

#### A Posture of Trust, Not a Reaction

True joy is believing God is at work, even when we can't see the outcome.



#### Joy Rises from God's Faithfulness, Not Circumstance

It is found in quiet moments and in the hopeful expectation of God's promises.



#### Joy Before the Promise Was Fulfilled

In the Bible, John the Baptist leaped for joy in the womb before Jesus was born.



### Living a Life of Joy

*"Joy is not the  
absence of struggle.  
It is the presence  
of Christ."*

It provides quiet confidence that steadies the heart and overcomes anxiety.



#### Joy and Peace Walk Hand-in-Hand

The peace of God, which transcends understanding, guards our hearts and minds.

#### Joy is Both a Gift and a Choice

We choose it by trusting God's timing and holding onto hope.

