



CELEBRATE SERIES
Part One: "Celebrate Today"

"THIS IS THE DAY that the LORD has made; let us REJOICE AND BE GLAD in it." Psalm 118:24 (ESV)

**Celebrating TODAY is the key to _____
at Christmas and all year long.**

1. We can live for the _____

**Learn to have a past rather than to
_____.**

"DO NOT REMEMBER THE FORMER THINGS, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."
Isaiah 43:18-19 (NKJV)

"...One thing I do: FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14 (ESV)

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. THE OLD LIFE IS GONE; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

2. We can live for the _____

Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone." James 4:14 (NLT)

"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT TOMORROW, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:31-34 (ESV)

TODAY (Cont'd)

"For I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (NET)

**Put your trust in God—Only He has complete control
of your _____.**

3. We can live in our _____

"God deals out joy in the present, the now." Ecclesiastes 5:20 (MSG)

Today is the only place that we can experience _____.

God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION." 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)

FATHER GOD, Thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for teaching me to find joy by celebrating today instead of stressing out about yesterday and tomorrow. Jesus, I welcome your love and peace into this season. Cleanse my past. I praise you and trust you with my future. In Christ's name, AMEN

GATHER, GROW AND GO WITH US IN GROW GROUPS

Open Up: Describe one thing that is great about Christmas.

Share Scriptures: Let different members share a verse or idea from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What are some things that we can celebrate today?

Pray Together: Pray for each person to be free from guilt and anxiety.



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