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<p>Theme: JOY</p>	<p>Date: 2 Nov 2012</p>
<p>Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16 (TNIV)</p> <p>Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.</p> 	<p>Comment:</p> <p>It's easy to be grateful and full of joy when life is good. It's not natural to be joyful when life is very challenging BUT it is possible. It's also God's desire for us.</p> <p>I'm not particularly happy about the circumstances of my life right now so I could do with some joy!</p> <p>I've discovered I am finding new depths of JOY because I can always celebrate the Gospel which connects us to the eternal love and goodness of God.</p> <p>I also find JOY when I adopt an attitude of gratitude. I can find many things to be thankful for and one of them is my husband. I am so grateful to God for him; his love; patience; courage; sensitivity and how much he cares for me and supports me... despite me being 'difficult'.</p> <p>What can you thank God for about your partner?</p>
<p>Prayer (as a couple):</p> <p>Dear Lord, thank you that you live in us and with you we can do good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Please unite us and guide us, empower and equip us to do the deeds that you'd have us do in our local community, to the Father's glory Amen.</p>	<p>Prayer (for others):</p> <p>Dear Lord we pray for and and for other couples in our community. May you give them a new spirit of boldness to do good deeds and glorify you. Amen.</p>
<p>Final Quote:</p> <p>"Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world." John Milton.</p>	

Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.

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