

Zoar Baptist Church — Sunday, April 19, 2026  
Sermon Series: **ASSURED: Confidence in Uncertain Times**  
Sermon Title: *Joy Is Still Possible*  
Main Scripture Passage: 1 John 1:1-4 ESV  
Main Point: Your joy is not rooted in your circumstances but in your relationship with Christ.

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures & Points

#### **ASSURED** **Confidence in Uncertain Times**

##### John Clearly Identifies Why He Writes

- 1 John 1:3-4 ESV
- 1 John 2:1 ESV
- 1 John 5:13 ESV

##### 2 Big Themes

- God is Light
- God is Love

##### Helpful Reminders

- Look to Christ, not yourself.
- Direction over perfection.
- You can know.

#### **Joy Is Still Possible**

**1 John 1:1-4 ESV**

##### **1) The Certainty of Jesus**

To Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known

##### **2) The Offer of Fellowship**

Discouragement often comes from disconnect  
—reconnect to Jesus.

##### **3) The Possibility of Complete Joy**

Christianity is not just a truth to believe but a  
person to enjoy.

Your joy hasn't been lost  
—it's been misplaced.

Your joy is not rooted in your circumstances  
but in your relationship with Christ.

**Start talking.** Find a conversation starter to get you talking.

- What is one of the biggest causes of someone doubting truth?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get you thinking.

- Read **1 John 1:1-4**. To what extent can Christians experience complete/full joy in this life? How will we experience joy in eternity?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Share a time when you were overcome by discouragement and you were able to reconnect with Jesus to help bring you out of your discouragement. How did looking to Christ, not yourself, change your perspective?
- Share a time when you observed a Christian going through very difficult circumstances and maintaining their deep joy in Jesus Christ.

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, You are life. And You brought life to us. Help us to be confident in who You are and who You made us to be. Help us to stay connected to You in a world that tries to pull us away from You. And let us experience the great and deep joy that is only found in You. In Jesus name we pray, amen.*

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Take time this week to reconnect to Jesus and remind yourself of who He is and what He has accomplished. Set aside 3 twenty minute spaces for you to set with Jesus—the Word the life—reminding yourself of His last words in John 13-17 as you also read 1 John.