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TITLE: **Advent Week 3: God Is Good So We Can Find Joy In Our Life**

God is good so we can find satisfaction and joy in our lives. Believing this will change how you view everything and everyone in your life!

Here are three key things to believe and consider about how we'll find joy when we truly believe that God is good and meets all our needs...

- 1. God created us with hunger for our own Good.** God isn't manipulating us, but sustaining us – keeping us alive. The very fact that we are the “created” and He is the “Creator” proves that we need him – we wouldn't exist without him – He is the source of all life. God is the greatest and most glorious being that exists and he created us as an expression who he is. Our hunger is a continual reminder that this is all about him and not us – our ongoing need reminds us that God is the one we turn to for **life**.
- 2. Jesus is the better fulfillment of all your hunger and lack of joy!** How Good is Jesus? ...Good enough to satisfy the righteousness of God by being our righteousness; Good enough to satisfy the wrath of God by being our substitute; Good enough to satisfy the justice of God by paying our penalty; Good enough to satisfy the holiness of God by removing our sin and guilt; Good enough to overcome the curse of sin by overcoming death through his resurrection; Good enough to be our continual advocate before the Father keeping us secure by His work and ongoing intercession.
- 3. What are you feasting on in your search for satisfaction and joy?** Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden fruit of the tree because it was pleasing to their eye in the moment and appeared to be Good. And ultimately, they died. Their desire to be their own provision brought death into the world. Mary praised God because he sent his Son, Jesus, into the world to fill the hungry with good food. He is the tree of life and the fruit of his life, death, and resurrection is our eternal food that gives life everlasting. God created us to be hungry as a way to continually remind us that to try and find life outside of God is to choose death. Which tree will you go to?

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~Caesar