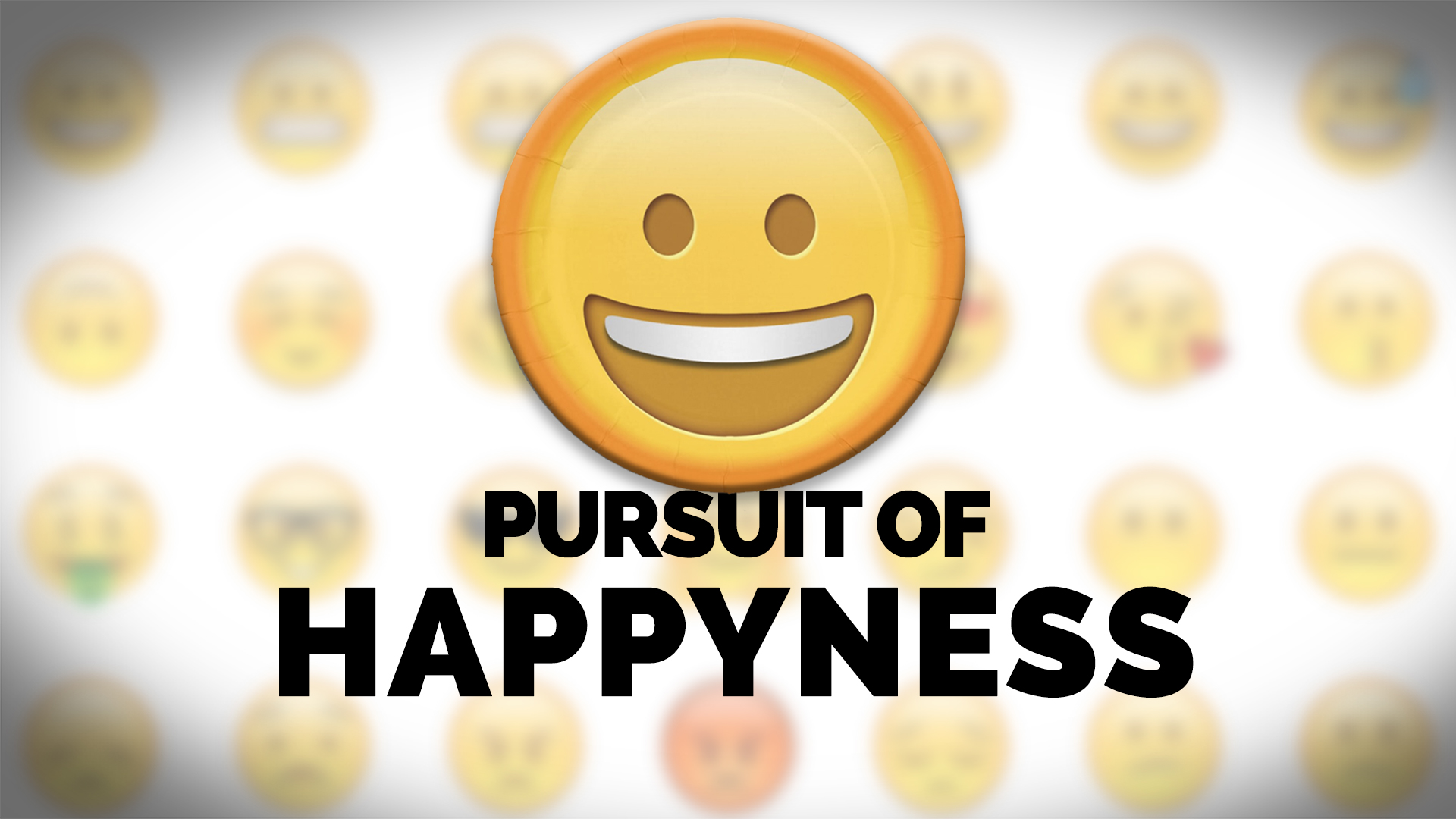
CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, May 8, 2016



Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,*….* Philippians 1:3,4 (NLT)

Happiness is EXTERNAL.

Joy is INTERNAL.

Happiness is based on CIRCUMSTANCES.

Joy is based on CHRIST.

*I have learned how to be content with whatever I have... For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

Philippians 4:11(NLT)

Happiness is based on CHANCE.

Joy is based on CHOICE.

*Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.* Philippians 3:1(NLT)

Joy Stealers to Avoid:

Avoid NEGATIVE PEOPLE.

*Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved.* Philippians 3:2 (NLT)

Avoid LEGALISM.

*For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort,*  Philippians 3:3 (NLT)

Examples of Legalism:

RITUALS

RELIGION

RULES

Avoid the SUBSTITUTION game.

...though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! Philippians 3:4 (NLT)

Safeguards for Maintaining Your Joy:

Keep on KNOWING.

*Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him....I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead...* Philippians 3:7-10 (NLT)

Keep on GROWING.

*..No...I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,  I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.* Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

2 Things to Forget:

FAILURES

SUCCESSES

Know where YOU’RE GOING.

*But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.* Philippians 3:20, 21 (NLT)