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We are a family of
imperfect people
following the
perfect Savior,
Jesus.



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²² After this, Jesus and his disciples went to the Judean countryside, where he spent time with them and baptized.

²³ John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water there. People were coming and being baptized, ²⁴ since John had not yet been thrown into prison.

JOHN 3:22-24

²⁵ Then a dispute arose between John's disciples and a Jew about purification. ²⁶ So they came to John and told him, "Rabbi, the one you testified about, and who was with you across the Jordan, is baptizing — and everyone is going to him."

JOHN 3:25-26

What is Envy?

"a painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage" *[Merriam-Webster Dictionary]*

"wishing you had something that someone else has." *[Cambridge Dictionary]*

"Comparison, in and of itself, is not envy. It's observational. Empirical. In a strict comparison, one entity looks at another and simply notes the data. '*Your hair is red and mine is brown. You have a motorcycle and I have a bicycle. You like Pepsi and I like Coke.*' But envy happens when a third person enters and the dyad becomes a triad: you, them, and the person you wish you were. Envy is not merely about wanting something you don't have. It's about wanting to be someone you aren't."

- Drew Larson, *Seven Deadly Sins: Envy*



"For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice."

JAMES 3:16



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*"Man will do many things to get himself loved,
he will do all things to get himself envied."*

- Mark Twain

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²⁷ John responded, “No one can receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah, but I’ve been sent ahead of him.’ ²⁹ He who has the bride is the groom. But the groom’s friend, who stands by and listens for him, rejoices greatly at the groom’s voice. So this joy of mine is complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.”

JOHN 3:27-30

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2. Complete joy comes from Jesus.

³¹ The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is from the earth is earthly and speaks in earthly terms. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

JOHN 3:31

Complete joy that crushes envy comes from...

1. Finding my security in Christ's position, not my own.

³² He testifies to what he has seen and heard, and yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³ The one who has accepted his testimony has affirmed that God is true. ³⁴ For the one whom God sent speaks God's words, since he gives the Spirit without measure.

JOHN 3:32-34 CSB

Complete joy that crushes envy comes from...

1. Finding my security in Christ's position, not my own.
2. Trusting Christ's truth over my own thoughts and others' opinions.

³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hands.

JOHN 3:35

Complete joy that crushes envy comes from...

1. Finding my security in Christ's position, not my own.
2. Trusting Christ's truth over my own thoughts and others' opinions.
3. Receiving every good gift as God's grace, not proof of my greatness.

³⁶ The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who rejects the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him.

JOHN 3:36

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1. Finding my security in Christ's position, not my own.
2. Trusting Christ's truth over my own thoughts and others' opinions.
3. Receiving every good gift as God's grace, not proof of my greatness.
4. Resting in Christ's sufficiency, not my own.

May we be blessed with the
complete joy of Christ!

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