Joy Made Complete

THURSDAY · DECEMBER 17
READ John 3:22-30

John the Baptist's followers worried that people were going to Jesus instead of staying with John. John answered with a surprising image: the friend of the bridegroom rejoices when he hears the bridegroom's voice. 'Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.' Then he declared, 'He must increase, but I must decrease.' John's joy grew as Jesus received the attention He deserved. Our culture tells us to protect our status and make ourselves the center. The gospel gives us freedom to step aside. We do not lose our worth when Christ gets the glory; we discover the joy of belonging to Him. This Advent, make room for the King rather than making everything about your plans.

REFLECT

Where might finding joy in Christ's glory free you from comparison or self-promotion?

PRAY

Jesus, increase our joy as You become greater in our hearts and lives.