

TIMOTHY KELLER'S  
*The* **REASON** *for* **GOD**  
BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM

## 12. THE DANCE OF GOD

### *Today's Verses:*

John 17:3	John 17:4-5	Philippians 4:4
Romans 1:19-20	John 16:14-14	Nehemiah 8:9-10
2 Timothy 3:16-17	Genesis 1:1	Revelation 19:7
Genesis 1:26	Isaiah 53:3	Isaiah 55:12
Deuteronomy 6:4	John 15:11	Revelation 21:3-4
Matthew 28:19	John 17:22-23	

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

This Saturday, 9am-3pm in Element Parking Lot

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## INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER 14:

Today is our last week in our Reason for God series based out of Tim Keller's book with the same title. Over the last 3 months we have hopefully moved you to a better trust and understanding of who God is, why the Scriptures can be trusted, and how the Bible's account of the world actually makes the most sense. Keller uses the last chapter of the book to draw everything together and calls it, "The Dance of God." He sums up the Bible in the standard 4 part narrative of Creation, Fall, Redemption and Restoration.

## DISCUSSION

Who do you consider to be the most giving person you know?  
Why?

## EXPLANATION

How do you think God's excitement is child-like in its joy?  
What does it mean that we have mostly lost that same excitement?  
What are the times when you have "exulted in monotony?"

## APPLICATION – READ JOHN 15:11

What does it mean that God is the most joyful being in the universe?  
How can Jesus be thoroughly familiar with pain and suffering and yet still be full of joy?  
How is the remembrance of Jesus' death meant to lead us into humbleness, grace, love for God, love for others and ultimate joy?

## MISSION

How can our joy point others to Christ?  
What should our attitude become in the midst of culture?

**HOMEWORK** Read Chapter 14 and the Epilogue in the Reason for God.