

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. **What are practical and intentional things you have done to improve your relationships?**
2. **What outside influences have impacted your relationship most?**
3. **What commitments do you need to make today to better the relationships you are in?**

Relationship Games: Playing to win in dating and marriage Pastors Kerry and Chris Shook – February 28th, 2021

- CULTURE
- CHANGE
- CRISIS

“...Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.”
For this is what the High and Exalted One says—He who lives forever, whose Name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.” Isaiah 57:14,15 (NIV)

1. **RECOGNIZE THAT GOD CAN TURN YOUR CHUTES INTO LADDERS**

“...Remove the obstacles out of the way...” Isaiah 57:14b (NIV)

“...He will give: beauty for ashes; joy instead of mourning; praise instead of heaviness. For God has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for His own glory.” Isaiah 61:3 (TLB)

2. **CLIMB TOGETHER ONE INTENTIONAL STEP AT A TIME**

“Build up, build up, prepare the road!”

Isaiah 57:14 (NIV)

“He (God) says, “I live in a high and holy place, but I also live with people who are sad and humble. I give new life to those who are humble and to those whose hearts are broken.”

Isaiah 57:15 (NCV)

“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.”

Psalms 42:5 (NIV)

3. ANCHOR YOUR LADDER WITH COMMITMENT

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!””

Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)