

## Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. Have you been choosing joy, even when your circumstances got worse?
2. What have you done with Jesus? Have you received him?
3. What have you done with your life? Who have you told about Jesus?

### The Joy Challenge – When Things Change, Joy Remains Pastor Kerry Shook – October 9th, 2022

*“When I was prosperous, I said, ‘Nothing can stop me now!’ Your favor, O LORD, made me as secure as a mountain. Then You turned away from me, and I was shattered. ... Hear me, LORD, and have mercy on me. Help me, O LORD. You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give You thanks forever!”*  
Psalm 30:6-7; 10-12 (NLT)

- **A FAITH THAT TRUSTS GOD’S PURPOSE**

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*“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.”*  
Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

- **A FOUNDATION THAT NEVER CHANGES**

*“... They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.”*  
Matthew 7:24-25 (MSG)

*“I am the LORD, and I do not change....”* Malachi 3:6a (NLT)

*“For you created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”*  
Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

*“He has given me a new song to sing, of praises to our God. Now many will hear of the glorious things He did for me, and stand in awe before the Lord, and put their trust in Him.”*

Psalm 40:3 (TLB)