

The Park Church: Corporate Bible Study

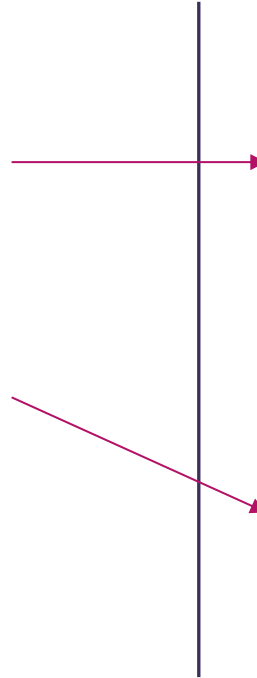
LIFE OVER LIES – LESSON 4

HOW DO YOU CHOOSE LIFE WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE A NEW
BEGINNING AND ALL YOU CAN SEE IS AN UNHAPPY
ENDING?

PSALM 130 (MSG)

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Looking Back, Moving Forward



**THE ONLY WAY TO CHOOSE LIFE OVER LIES
IS TO CHOOSE LIFE THAT COMES FROM
PUTTING PAST AND CURRENT SITUATIONS
IN A BIGGER FRAME...**

**HOW DO WE CHOOSE LIFE WHEN ONE
CAN'T SEE A NEW BEGINNING?**

Psalm 130 (MSG)

[¹⁻² Help, GOD—I've hit rock bottom!

Master, hear my cry for help!

Listen hard! Open your ears!

Listen to my cries for mercy.

³⁻⁴ If you, GOD, kept records on wrongdoings,

who would stand a chance?

As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit,
and that's why you're worshiped.

⁵⁻⁶ I pray to GOD—my life a prayer—
and wait for what he'll say and do.

My life's on the line before God, my Lord,
waiting and watching till morning,
waiting and watching till morning.

⁷⁻⁸ O Israel, wait and watch for GOD—
with GOD's arrival comes love,
with GOD's arrival comes generous redemption.
No doubt about it—he'll redeem Israel,
buy back Israel from captivity to sin.

What becomes of the brokenhearted

[Verse 1]

As I walk this land of broken dreams (Broken dreams)
I have visions of many things (So many things)
But happiness is just an illusion (Just an illusion)
Filled with sadness and confusion

[Verse 2]

The roots of love grow all around (All around)
But for me they come a tumblin' down (Come tumblin' down)
Every day, heartaches grow a little stronger (Just a little stronger)
I can't stand this pain much longer

What becomes of the brokenhearted

[Verse 3]

I walk in shadows searching for light (Searching for light)
Cold and alone, no comfort in sight (No comfort in sight)
Hoping and praying for someone who cares (Who really cares)
Always moving and going nowhere

[Verse 4]

I'm searching though I don't succeed (Don't succeed)
For someone's love, there's a growing need (Such a growing need)
All is lost, there's no place for beginning (No beginning)
All that's left is an unhappy ending

[Chorus]

Now what becomes of the brokenhearted

Who had love that's now departed

I know I've got to find some kind of peace of mind

I'll be searching everywhere just to find someone to care

How do we choose life when one can't see a new beginning?

- ▶ The weight we carry (private pain, internal psychological and emotional turmoil)
 - ▶ Holding it together publicly but falling apart privately
 - ▶ Seeing good things coming to everyone else and not seeing anything good coming to you

For Studio P ONLY:

Choosing Life – Part 4

TIME STAMP: (10:23 – 12:37)

SUMMARY: THE LIFE OF A WORSHIPPER ISN'T ALL PRAISE!

**On our way
to Church
but
carrying....**

The life of a worshipper isn't all praise

- ▶ There is lament
- ▶ There is complaint
- ▶ There is distress
- ▶ There is despair
- ▶ There is hurt
- ▶ There is heartache

The Victory is just getting to the church

If we can just make it to church, we can see another/larger picture

Key Observation:

“Choose where you look to change your outlook”



Change where you look to change your outlook

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We choose life when we:

- Attention shift (to where you are going).....Church
- Attention shift (to who you are going to see)....GOD
- Look for the larger picture

The Largest Picture is God

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We choose life when we realize:

- **He is the I AM that I AM**
- **He is the creator**
- **He is sovereign**
- **He is The Lord**

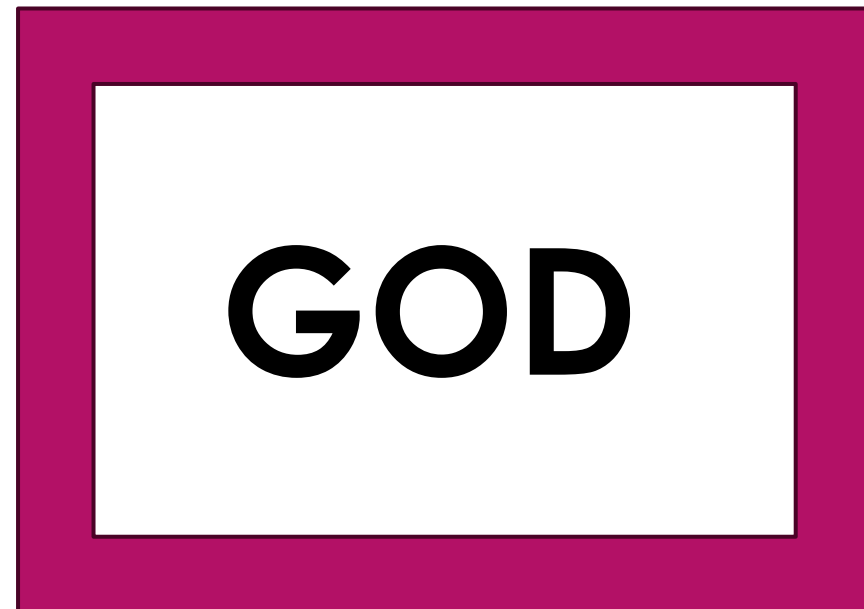
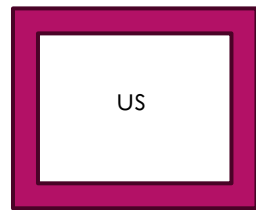


GOD

The Big Picture

Key Observation:

“The largest picture of God is one that addresses an ugly picture that we can’t change.”



The way we look is not how God see us

- ▶ The way we look is sometimes ugly
 - ▶ Broken
 - ▶ In Disarray
 - ▶ Sinful
 - ▶ lost
- ▶ The way God sees us
 - ▶ Forgiven
 - ▶ Justified
 - ▶ Righteous
 - ▶ Pardoned
 - ▶ Redeemed

Hear A Louder Voice

Whose word is the loudest in your life?

1. Is God's word the loudest word in your head and heart:
 1. Has to be louder than other folks words
 2. Has to be louder than your own voice

The loudest voice sets the course for the direction of your life.

The Final Outcome

When we allow God's larger picture to be the dominate thing we see, and God's Word is the loudest voice we hear, then we can "***defiantly imagine the final outcome***".

Allowing God to take Action

- ▶ Allowing God to show up helps keep us from making rash decisions
- ▶ Allowing God to show up helps keep us from making brash decisions
- ▶ Waiting on God to show up helps keep us from making hasty decisions
- ▶ Waiting on God helps us imagine a different outcome than what the world is presenting at the time
- ▶ Waiting on God helps us from taking evasive action (a destructive way out)

And when God shows up

- ▶ He comes with all that He is
- ▶ He comes with deliverance
- ▶ He shows up with ways out of no way
- ▶ He changes outcome

Choose Life

See the larger picture, hear the louder voice, wait on God, then watch Him show up and change your outcome!