

[00:00:00] Speaker A: This is such an exciting time for us as a family, and we have just continuously been blown away getting to know all of you and with just an excitement about belonging to a group of people and being able to run with you guys as family and continue to get to know you. I mean, it's just staggering for us in a really wonderful way.

[00:00:30] Speaker B: And we're.

[00:00:31] Speaker A: We're so grateful for you guys and for the step of faith that you're taking alongside of us. And we are in full faith.

Just listening to that offering, you know, as it was being put forward, it's just like, wow, you know, we.

[00:00:47] Speaker B: We know God's going to provide.

It doesn't all rest on your shoulders.

[00:00:51] Speaker A: I just want to. Want to say that, you know, I know it was put beautifully by Jan in that way, but I want you to hear it from, from me.

[00:01:00] Speaker B: You know, we're trusting in the Lord

[00:01:02] Speaker A: to provide and, you know, so we want you to just be faithful to him with no, no obligation. We know God is in this. We've just seen his confirmation time and time again. If you're praying for us, the next

[00:01:15] Speaker B: big hurdle is Rachel to get a job.

[00:01:18] Speaker A: She's got an interview on Wednesday.

[00:01:22] Speaker B: She's unsure. You know, the Catholic Church have asked

[00:01:25] Speaker A: her to kind of know the Catholic schools.

[00:01:28] Speaker B: Yes.

[00:01:29] Speaker A: And I mean, technically, I don't know, she should be teaching according to their

[00:01:35] Speaker B: rules, but they've invited her in for an interview anyway, so we'll see.

[00:01:40] Speaker A: But yeah, there's some other things.

[00:01:42] Speaker B: But that will determine where in Glasgow we move to.

[00:01:45] Speaker A: So, please, you know, can you stand in faith with us for that? Actually, I'm just gonna pray for that now. Will you join me in that?

[00:01:53] Speaker B: Father, we just want to thank you

[00:01:54] Speaker A: that you have all of our futures in your hands. You see the end from the beginning and you tell us not to worry about our lives, what we will eat

[00:02:06] Speaker B: or what we will wear.

[00:02:07] Speaker A: You know, that we need houses and all of these things. And so, Lord, we just thank you for the. The freedom from anxiety that you invite us to live in as a community.

And we just want to pray that that sense of freedom, that sense of joy, would invade every one of our

[00:02:25] Speaker B: lives in a deeper way.

And that you would facilitate every facet

[00:02:30] Speaker A: of this move by your grace and goodness, including this job.

Let it be according to your will. In Jesus name, amen.

[00:02:39] Speaker B: Oh, thank you. Thank you.

So I'm going to jump into this message here. I've been.

I wanted a prophetic message. They've given me freedom outside of the series of Luke, which I've really been enjoying, been really rich.

Last time I preached, I preached on him on a verse I have never preached on before and probably wouldn't have ever chosen for myself. It was great to be given that verse and to wrestle with it and just like, yes. Oh, it was really rich for me, and I got so much out of it.

[00:03:13] Speaker A: I loved it.

[00:03:14] Speaker B: So that was really good. But it's also great to be able to say, lord, I want a prophetic message. And I was wrestling with God, saying, lord, I want a prophetic message for us in this moment, for us as a body.

And, yeah, I got a dream, which led me into some different things. And. And then I felt like the Lord was saying, I want you to preach on overcoming disappointment.

And then I had a really disappointing week.

So sometimes it's really miserable being prophetic,

[00:03:48] Speaker C: you know, it's like the Lord will

[00:03:50] Speaker B: take you into an experience, and it's like. It's like I should have known when I had that topic to, like, watch out, you know? And it's not like the Lord brought this disappointment, but he did really help me wrestle through it, which is fantastic. So this is a live message I'm bringing you. Now.

[00:04:10] Speaker C: The message can sort of be summed up right.

[00:04:15] Speaker B: The heart of this message is really.

And it's not necessarily what I'm preaching out of, but the story that sort of embodies this message of overcoming disappointment is the one of David bringing the ark back into

Jerusalem.

Because if you. If you know anything about the story, what's his face? The guy before David.

Saul, thank you.

I'm a Bible preacher. Honestly, Saul, he didn't have much of

[00:04:51] Speaker C: a concern for the ark.

[00:04:54] Speaker B: And it was in some place like

[00:04:56] Speaker C: Kiriath Jearim, and he didn't really have

[00:04:59] Speaker B: that much honor for the ark and

[00:05:01] Speaker C: what it stood for.

[00:05:02] Speaker B: There was a moment where he panicked

[00:05:03] Speaker C: in battle that he called for the

[00:05:05] Speaker B: ark to be brought, almost like a

[00:05:07] Speaker C: superstition kind of thing.

[00:05:08] Speaker B: But the ark represented the presence of God.

And Saul did not have a great deal of value for the presence.

[00:05:18] Speaker C: Time and time again, he kind of tended to do things his own way. And David, he had a different heart. And he was. He was determined to do things according to the presence of God.

[00:05:28] Speaker B: He was determined to have the presence be central.

[00:05:31] Speaker C: And so he calls for the ark to be brought into Jerusalem. And it was a procession, and he was all excited.

But the problem was David hadn't thought through how this was actually supposed to happen. And the law had dictated that it

[00:05:45] Speaker B: would be carried on the shoulders of Levites and there would be offerings and,

[00:05:48] Speaker C: and it was a. It was something to be done in the right way. But he put it on a, on a cart the way that the Philistines did.

And I don't know what was going

[00:05:58] Speaker B: on in Uzzah's heart. You know, I can't judge Uzzah, David's pal.

[00:06:03] Speaker C: But we know that at one point

[00:06:04] Speaker B: the ark, the ox stumbled and Uzzah stretched out his hand to steady the ark.

[00:06:11] Speaker C: And I don't know, like I said,

[00:06:13] Speaker B: I can't judge Uzzah.

[00:06:14] Speaker C: But you can imagine that there may have been a certain amount of pride

[00:06:18] Speaker B: in, in being the one to sort of accompany the ark.

There may have been some measure of, you know, I'm very important, or maybe

[00:06:28] Speaker C: we're very important, maybe even David was participating in that sort of sense. But one way or the other, the Lord was displeased at the way they were going about this.

[00:06:39] Speaker B: Almost as if they were in control here.

And in the process of Uza stretching

[00:06:46] Speaker C: out his hand to, To. To steady the ark, Uzzah is struck down dead. And David is really grief stricken.

He is disappointed to the core.

He's really broken. He just lost his friend and the God who he trusted. And he's probably very embarrassed and ashamed. He wanted to start his reign in the right way with the presence. And here he's. He's admonished in the strongest public way by God before all of the people. And he doesn't know what to do. He's scared of God. Do I even know you, God, that you would. That you would do this to my pal? And so he abandons ship.

[00:07:27] Speaker B: He leaves the ark at some dude's house, Obed Edom.

[00:07:34] Speaker C: And Obed Edom gets the ark.

[00:07:36] Speaker B: And David kind of goes on and is wrestling with this, and he's bitterly disappointed.

[00:07:43] Speaker C: I don't know if any of you have ever really hoped for something or really tried to do something only to fail or see it fall short or even some disaster come out of the middle of it. I know some of you have.

And in that place, it's really, really difficult. What are you going to do?

[00:08:00] Speaker B: And God was so patient.

[00:08:02] Speaker C: The ark was in Obed Edoms.

[00:08:04] Speaker B: And so he's just blessing Obed Edom, just blessing him.

[00:08:07] Speaker C: Blessing, blessing, blessing being heaped out in his life.

[00:08:09] Speaker B: And eventually David sees this and says, what am I doing?

What am I doing?

I need to bring the Ark back into Jerusalem and we need to do it right. Yeah.

[00:08:19] Speaker C: I may have screwed up. But I'm not going to let that determine my future. I'm not going to let my disappointment determine where I head in the future. I'm going to do this right. And he does it right. And David does this amazing thing. As the ark's being brought back into Jerusalem, he strips himself of the kingly robe and he gets right down to his humanity before God.

He gets right down to his humanity before God. I'm not a king before you right now, Lord. I'm not going to put myself, elevate myself before you. I'm just going to rejoice at who you are as a son. And he just lets it rip and just, you know, flailing about, you know, I think it, that's the picture imagery in my head, just spinning wildly and just praising the Lord as a son in freedom, rejoicing with all of his heart, shedding the disappointment, shedding the mourning and moving on.

[00:09:17] Speaker B: I. I feel as that that's where we're going, folks.

Before we sort of get there, we want to talk about the problem, disappointment.

We've all been there.

Sometimes it's our fault and sometimes somebody else's fault.

Sometimes it's nobody's fault.

Just something that just comes upon us.

It's a symptom of living in a fallen world.

You know, Adam was supposed to rule and reign. He had a commission to rule and reign, to bring the earth under subjection in relationship with Adam or in relationship with the father. Adam was supposed to reign. He was supposed to bring, extend the garden and make this world into a beautiful place. And when he broke relationship with God,

[00:10:08] Speaker C: he lost the power that he needed to do that.

[00:10:12] Speaker B: And the whole earth suffered.

[00:10:14] Speaker C: The whole earth came under a curse.

It was then. Part of that curse is the earth was going to fight against us.

[00:10:20] Speaker B: We were going to still have that

[00:10:22] Speaker C: mandate, but the earth was going to fight, fight back and produce thorns and thistles, which are symbolic of every struggle that you and I face.

The labor pains are symbolic of everything that we try to birth is going

[00:10:35] Speaker B: to come with some form of struggle.

And the earth is sometimes going to win the curse that's on the earth.

[00:10:43] Speaker C: And the brokenness is sometimes going to. Going to swallow us up.

Even our best attempts, even our strongest

[00:10:50] Speaker B: efforts aren't going to be enough sometimes.

And it's going to be disappointed, disappointing.

We are going to face various trials, anything trivial from our sports team losing, which for some of you, that can be very disappointing.

Somebody nipping in and getting our parking spot or the supermarket not having what we want.

Or the council raising parking fares.

That's a real one.

Failing exams, not getting the job we want, the house we want, the promotion we want going bankrupt.

Sometimes there's really bitter, heartbreaking disappointments, like loved ones not recovering from a terminal illness, expected babies not being born, the loss of a loved one maybe not being able to have family at all.

Falling out with someone, loss of friends.

There's disappointments in the church, disappointments with the church, disappointments with God.

I bet you're glad you came this morning.

Because feeling disappointed is not actually a problem.

Sometimes it is the right reaction to living in a fallen world. Sometimes that feeling is a proper lamentation.

I was having a good conversation with Simon about the importance of lamenting yesterday, and that's true.

Sometimes the appropriate reaction to having righteous good dreams for your life, for your children's life, for your world, and then seeing those dreams fail. Sometimes lament and mourning is appropriate. And even Jesus said, we weep with those who weep and we mourn with those who mourn. Because even Jesus weeps over the fallenness

[00:13:04] Speaker C: of the world and the ways that it affects his kids, who he loves.

[00:13:08] Speaker B: And it's right that we should do that too.

But this is not the place that we are meant to stay, because the

[00:13:17] Speaker C: overall picture is that we are meant to rule and to reign. The original commission to Adam and Eve to bring the earth into subjection is the commission that Jesus restored in our life.

[00:13:29] Speaker B: Sorry, the commission was already always there.

[00:13:32] Speaker C: It had continued, but the relationship was restored and therefore the authority and the power involved needed to bring this earth into subjection to the King of all kings. And that's what Jesus talked about when he said the kingdom of God.

That's what Jesus displayed everywhere he went when he was raising the.

[00:13:55] Speaker B: The dead of the widow's child and the centurion's slave and, you know, daughters.

[00:14:05] Speaker C: And everywhere Jesus went, he was releasing the kingdom of God and overthrowing the curse on the earth.

And you were made to be a kingdom, releasing king, a priest and a

[00:14:21] Speaker B: king on this world.

[00:14:23] Speaker C: You were made to be the head and not the tail, the salt of the earth.

You were not made to be a plastic bag blown around by the winds of the storm, just driven by every wind.

You were not made to be the little skiff that just rises and fall with every wind and tossed about in the sea.

You were made to command the wind and the waves.

If you allow yourself to just be carried about like a plastic bag or tossed about like a ship, you're.

Sometimes that happens to the best of us. Sometimes we step out and we sink. It happens. Sometimes we get blown about.

But that's not what you were called to. That's not who you are in Christ. That's not your mission. That's not the place where you dwell.

And it's really important that we. That we recognize this, because all of creation is groaning, waiting for the sons and daughters of God to be revealed in their glory. All of creation is groaning, waiting, saying, when will they know who they are?

When will they step up? We need them to know who they are. And sometimes we're too busy sitting in the dirt with dust on our head over our last failure and over all that's happened to us, that we forget who we are.

We forget the incredible mission and the urgency that Romans 8 talks about when he says, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the

[00:16:12] Speaker B: sons and daughters of God.

[00:16:14] Speaker C: For the creation was subjected to futility not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom

[00:16:27] Speaker B: of the glory of the children of God.

And we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Friends, this is our solution.

You see, Jesus entered fully into our brokenness, into that cursed world.

He saw the pressure that was on us as humanity. He saw our state of helplessness, that

[00:16:58] Speaker C: there was nothing we could do. He had given us the law, and there was nothing that we could do to actually pull ourselves into the place of having that authority.

And Jesus stretched out his arm in heaven, said, I will go, and was born as a baby in the form of our weakness, in the form of our helplessness, in the very likeness, in the same flesh, the same weakness of humanity that every single one of us struggled with. He came, but he didn't fall to it.

Brokenness and sin and the curse, through everything that it had at Jesus.

And he wouldn't relent in his mission of righteousness. He, instead of rejecting God the way that every human did from Adam right down through the line, he said, no, I do your. I do my Father's will. Whatever you say, I will say. Whatever you do, I will do. And in the form of human weakness, under the curse, he walked in perfect righteousness.

Everything he did. And he carried all of humanity in him. He carried you and me in that moment. And as Jesus died, the curse itself was crucified. Sin itself fell to judgment.

And as he was raised, you and I were somehow raised. All of humanity was raised in him.

And we received this by faith. It is by faith that we lay access to this grace in which we now stand.

[00:18:39] Speaker B: And when the world is trying to topple us with our waves or tip us over with its wind, we.

[00:18:45] Speaker C: Or throw whatever it has to, it's so important we center ourselves on this simple truth that he is in us

[00:18:53] Speaker B: and we are in Him.

He ultimately gives us this incredible hope that one day we will see the fulfillment, the complete fulfillment of this kingdom being released on the earth.

Right now we have the Spirit, who

[00:19:13] Speaker C: is a deposit of the things to come.

[00:19:16] Speaker B: But as it says in Revelation, and I heard a loud voice from the throne

saying, behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they

[00:19:25] Speaker C: will be his people.

[00:19:26] Speaker B: And God himself will be with them as their God.

[00:19:29] Speaker C: He will wipe away every tear from

[00:19:32] Speaker B: their eyes, and death shall be no more. Neither shall there be mourning nor, nor

[00:19:38] Speaker C: crying, nor pain anymore. For the former things have passed away.

[00:19:44] Speaker B: And he who was seated on the throne said, behold, I am making all things new.

Write this down. For these words are trustworthy and true.

[00:19:54] Speaker C: We have a future hope of a resurrection, a promise that one day there

[00:19:59] Speaker B: will be no more disappointment.

One day there will be no more disappointment.

[00:20:05] Speaker C: It is a sure thing. And.

[00:20:07] Speaker B: And in the midst of every struggle

[00:20:08] Speaker C: that we ever go through, we can take that to heart. We can allow that to bring encouragement and nourishment to our soul. It's the thing that allows us to say to our soul as we sung this morning, God, you are good, you are worthy. Praise him, my soul, because he is good. But not only do we have that as a future hope, but by faith we're able to pull deposits of it in the person of the Spirit into our present moment.

We can shift our attention to lay hold of that promise and pull it into a moment that even in our darkest trial, even in the depths of the prison, we can find access to hope, we can find access to peace, we can find access to joy. And in the middle of that, there is power released.

[00:21:02] Speaker B: Incidentally, this is why the role of the prophetic is so important.

It says that the testimony of Jesus is the heart of prophecy.

Because the reality of what God has done already for us, and the reality of what he's already done in our union with him, these immutable, unshakable promises, that is our foundation is the prophetic

[00:21:27] Speaker C: voice speaking to the hurting world, saying, be at peace.

[00:21:31] Speaker B: It is going to be okay.

And friends, all of you know sometimes when you're in the middle of a storm, you can't see above the water, you can't see above the pain, you

[00:21:42] Speaker C: can't feel through the pain. And sometimes it's so difficult and we all get into that place sometimes where we know the promises, but it's not enough to just have it in our head.

We need to be able to hear, but our ears feel stopped up and in that moment. That's why Paul so adamant that the gift of prophecy is so important.

Because the gift of prophecy sees beyond to what will be. It sees into the spirit where there is no shortage of hope, there's endless supplies. And the gift of prophecy is able to come and see a need and say, hey, you need to know it is going to be okay. And there are a thousand ways that the Lord can communicate that. But it's the truth and the hope of Jesus that, that each and every one of you need to have on the tip of your tongue so that when you see someone hurting, you're able to come in with that comfort. And it's not a tone deaf thing of saying, just suck it up and feel better. It's the truth of Jesus Christ.

And of course we have to be mindful of where someone's at, but we also, we have to be even more mindful of where someone at. We have to be more mindful of

[00:22:50] Speaker B: where he is at.

[00:22:52] Speaker C: And it doesn't mean that we just

[00:22:53] Speaker B: come in like a clashing gong and zero sympathy.

[00:22:58] Speaker C: You know, I'm not saying that at

[00:23:00] Speaker B: all here, my heart.

[00:23:02] Speaker C: We need to do these things with compassion and mercy and love. And if you don't have that, then

[00:23:07] Speaker B: yeah, you might want to think about holding back a little bit.

[00:23:10] Speaker C: Get that and then go.

But the reality is we need that living word of God.

[00:23:16] Speaker B: Not just pat answers and cliches, but

[00:23:20] Speaker C: we need the living hope and we need it bad. The church of God needs it. I know so many of you, you will all have people in your lives who are bleeding out right now.

And if you can get yourself into the place of encouragement, you will make a difference in your world.

[00:23:41] Speaker B: I just want to finish with a few points in our response.

Some practical things, our response to disappointment.

The first, I'll read them all to you and then I'll. So that you can kind of tick them off and know how long this is going to go.

I'm going to try going fast.

Love again, believe again, trust again, hope again, rejoice again, live again.

There are six, there should be seven. I missed it, but there we go.

[00:24:15] Speaker A: There are six.

[00:24:16] Speaker B: Love again, believe again, trust again, Hope again, rejoice again, live again now the first love again is one of the hardest disappointments that we have to deal with is relational disappointments. When someone's hurt us or we've hurt

[00:24:29] Speaker C: someone,

[00:24:32] Speaker B: and in that situation, you know, we don't have time to go into it. Each one of these could probably be a sermon on its own. But we need to be so humble to come at one another and say, I'm sorry.

And we need to be so good at forgiving, forgiving one another.

And if you've suffered a relational disappointment, my challenge to you is to go away.

If there are things that you need to apologize for, regardless of how hard it is, swallow your pride and get that over with.

If there are things which you need to forgive, life is too short to hold a grudge.

Not only that, but we only have one heart.

And when we are unrepentant towards people or we choose not to forgive people, we will clog up the spring of our heart towards God as well.

As much as we like the idea of being able to have one, one rule of thumb with people and one rule of thumb with God, it's the same heart.

James says it this way. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening, both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brother, bear, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither. Can a salt pond yield fresh water.

James's point is that blessing God and cursing people, it can't flow from the same heart.

[00:25:58] Speaker C: If you want to love again, you want to.

And then you need to forgive and you need to repent where necessary.

[00:26:07] Speaker B: And the cool thing is, if you're having struggle with this, just let God love on you.

It's a great way to undam those things in you that are. That you're struggling with. It's very hard when you're struggling with unforgiveness or to repent, to allow God to love on you without becoming soft.

And you guys are already really good at that. That's love again.

The next one is believe again.

I love when Jesus first talks about his call to the poor. He goes into a temple in his hometown and he grabs the book of Isaiah and he talks about, the Lord has anointed me. And they're all like, who is this?

[00:26:51] Speaker C: And isn't this Joseph's kid? Like, he's just down the street, you know, who is this?

[00:26:56] Speaker B: Like, this is a bit, you know, he's sort of raising above his station, isn't he?

Kind of beg for his boots, eh?

And then Jesus sort of chides him, you know, they know he knows that they don't know who he is. And he says, in all of Israel, at the time of the famine in Elijah's day, there were plenty of widows. But Elijah goes to Zarephath in the land of Sidon, which wasn't even Israel, and there were plenty of people who had leprosy.

But he heals Naaman, you know, who wasn't an Israelite. And it's like Jesus is just rubbing it in. Like, do you know what God is looking for? Faith.

And it might not be here in this room, you know, to the people that Jesus was talking to, to the Israelites, but God sees it anywhere.

And it's so cool. That can. You know, you might be that widow, you might be that Naaman.

God sees you.

And of course, you've been through struggles, but God wants you to believe again.

You've been knocked down when you believe for things and you don't see them happen. The easiest thing is to just say, you know what? I'm just not going to put myself out there anymore.

[00:28:22] Speaker C: But that would be, you know, crucial.

[00:28:25] Speaker B: That would be devastating to your life. The Lord doesn't want you to do that.

[00:28:30] Speaker C: He wants you to be like David

[00:28:31] Speaker B: says, you know, I'm going to. I'm going to get back on the horse.

[00:28:33] Speaker A: I'm going to believe again.

[00:28:35] Speaker B: Next one is trust again.

Lord wants you to trust. He doesn't want.

He doesn't want you to allow your broken heart to make you so that you won't trust, that you won't trust people, that you won't trust him.

I love in Psalm 51, when it talks about, the Lord draws near to the brokenhearted.

You know, he doesn't draw away from us when we're brokenhearted. He's right there with us.

But sometimes we pull away from him when we're brokenhearted.

Sometimes we think, oh, you know, I don't want to do this again.

We have this beautiful power in our free will to choose to trust again.

Even though it might feel impossible for you because of what you've been through, maybe it's in a specific area, it might feel impossible to trust again. Go. God has given you this beautiful gift in free will to say, you know what? I choose to trust. And even if the feelings don't align 100% right away, you keep making that decision. The feelings will fall into place.

You have free will.

You are not held hostage by your fears.

You get to choose.

And as you do, you should Hope again.

Romans 5:5 says that hope does not disappoint.

Some translation says hope does not put to shame. The idea there is that the word for disappoint or to be let down is actually in the Hebrew it's to be red faced and in the Greek it's to be let down.

But they're both sort of the same idea.

And it's just disappointment. It's just utter disappointment and shame.

And what it says there, this is the one that says, therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings.

[00:30:58] Speaker C: Woo hoo.

[00:31:00] Speaker B: Knowing that sufferings produce endurance and endurance character, and character produces hope. And hope does not put us to shame or hope does not disappoint because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

The Lord wants you to dare to dream again.

He wants you to hope again. He wants you to continuously be filled with hope, even in the middle of your sufferings.

And hope should lead to rejoice, rejoice again.

Philippians 4 says, Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice, the Lord is at hand, or he is here, he is present. Rejoice.

We get this amazing call to rejoice again even in the middle of disappointment, that we can

rejoice. And sometimes that might be as simple as saying, I'm going to shift my

[00:31:57] Speaker C: mind to what I'm thankful for.

[00:31:59] Speaker B: I'm going to shift to something else. I'm going to choose to rejoice. Sometimes it might be deciding to flail

[00:32:07] Speaker C: your arms about or to sing a

[00:32:09] Speaker B: song when you don't feel like it, or to.

[00:32:11] Speaker C: And the psalmists continuously did this. They continuously acknowledged their state, but chose to believe something else. They acknowledged the the what they saw in the eyes of flesh. But. But there was a still small voice

[00:32:27] Speaker B: telling them of something different, telling them of hope.

[00:32:30] Speaker C: And if they locked onto that, they were able to rejoice and say, even now I know you are good.

[00:32:38] Speaker B: It's not fake, folks, to rejoice in the face of your trials. It's not fake to rejoice. And in the midst of suffering, it's time to dance again like David danced.

And the last one is live again.

I In Orkney there had been a church split in the church before, long before we got there. And one of the couples had been through the worst time imaginable.

This beautiful couple they had. He had actually sold everything they had. He was a farmer, and he sold his land, and he bought a bunch of properties, and they decided to give their life over to missions. And it was mostly the wife's dream. And the husband was this sort of good old Orkney farmer. You know, he was very stalwart and not very expressive. His dad never hugged him. You know, he was one of the. From that sort of generation.

[00:33:37] Speaker C: But he sold everything.

[00:33:38] Speaker B: And he was completely such a beautiful, loving man. He was committed to her, Her. Her dreams. She had since gone to be with the Lord. And he was struggling so, so deeply with.

When he came in, because the company that had managed all of his properties went bust.

And he lost everything.

Everything that he had, he.

He lost. And his son was really bitter because his son had dreams of being a farmer, and now there was no family land.

[00:34:15] Speaker C: He felt ashamed.

[00:34:18] Speaker B: And then everything in the ministry sort of blew up because there was this church split. And he was just really miserable and broken and had been miserable for many

years.

And he came into the church one day, and he. And he said after the service, his wife said, would you mind praying?

[00:34:39] Speaker A: And I knew who they were, and

[00:34:40] Speaker B: I was so excited that they came back in because I thought, God's doing a work of reconciliation here. He said, would you mind praying for my husband? And we went into a room, and it was a little intimidating because this Orkney farmer, you know, with gray hair, and we like getting into prayer with him, and he just talked about all the loss and all the disappointment and how bitter it was.

And as I prayed, I just started to say, father, I want to thank you for all of the grandchildren that this guy has and for all of the people who need him to be who he is.

And I pray that you'd lift off the disappointment so that this guy would be able to enjoy the people around him.

[00:35:28] Speaker C: You know, he had all these people,

[00:35:29] Speaker B: and he was just miserable.

[00:35:31] Speaker C: And he knew that he had been

[00:35:32] Speaker B: miserable for so long that he couldn't enjoy the people who God had put in his life. He was too busy lamenting and too busy mourning.

[00:35:43] Speaker C: And as I prayed for him, he just started weeping.

[00:35:46] Speaker B: And something broke in him like a dam.

And he just let these tears flow, and he was visibly shaking and just really touched by the Holy Spirit.

And the next week they came back in, and his wife comes over and cries. He said, you wouldn't believe it. Ivan's singing around the house. He's singing.

He was transformed.

She since went to be with the Lord.

And this man, his son made a an absolute ton of money in New York and bought him the most lovely house just before his mom died. Overlooking Kirk Wall, most beautiful views.

And he has such a deep, rich peace. I go and stay with him often and connect with him. Not often often, but he's just the most lovely man. His life has been transformed.

He has joy.

The Lord shifted something. He didn't shift his circumstances right away

[00:36:52] Speaker C: at first, but he lifted disappointment off.

[00:36:55] Speaker B: And I just feel like some of you, in order to live again, need to have disappointment lifted off of you today.

And if you're listening to this online, this is as much for you as anyone else that the Lord wants to lift areas, lift disappointment in areas of your life completely off that you can live again in the power of the spirit. So let's stand up and pray. I'm going to ask the worship Tim to come back. All those songs that Tim chose were like he didn't know what I was preaching about. They were just spot on.

And I wanted to just minister to us for a moment and just ask Holy Spirit to just lift off disappointment.

If you can just call to mind, allow the Lord to speak to you right now about any disappointments that you've had that you might still be carrying Holy Spirit, will you just reveal that to us?

I thank you, Lord, that even when we can't articulate exactly what those things are, that your spirit goes soul deep. It searches our heart, it searches the depths of our soul. Even things that are hidden from us, they're not hidden to you right now, God. I want to pray that you'd go deep into hearts right now and touch your finger on people's where there's been disappointment locking people up right now. I pray that it would be released in Jesus name because of the power of your spirit.

[00:38:37] Speaker C: Pray that you'd go right into wounds.

I want to pray that not only

[00:38:42] Speaker B: in this room, not only the people

[00:38:44] Speaker C: who will listen to this later, but across your body, people who maybe have been connected to this congregation at one time.

[00:38:53] Speaker B: People who maybe have never heard of us at all.

[00:38:55] Speaker C: God, right now we want to pray that there would be an anointing to lift. Lift off disappointment. We want to pray, God, that you would release an ability to trust in you again.

We pray, God, that you would give us an ability to hear when our ears feel completely stopped up and to see even when we've been walking in blindness for so long. God, right now we call for the eyes of our hearts to be open to see hope again.

We pray that our emotions where our emotions have been completely numbed by the fires of adversity. God, right now we pray for new sensitivity in our spirits, new sensitivity in our soul to be able to live again, to be able to love again.

God, we pray that where we've not been able to hear and we know that faith comes by hearing, God, we pray that our ears would be unstopped.

That you you would impart faith in our hearts, God, that we would believe you. That when every bit of this world is throwing wind and waves, God, we pray right now that you would give us the ability to stand in the spirit.

Right now we want to come against the effect of the curse.

We thank you Jesus, that you you overpowered the enemy, God, that you took the full weight of the curse upon you in the cross and our eyes are set on you right now. God, we ask that you would release the full effect of the cross in our lives.

That you would shift things that have been locked up for years.

[00:40:42] Speaker B: In Jesus name we look to you,

[00:40:45] Speaker C: God, release freedom in this place. New freedom, new life.

[00:40:55] Speaker B: Thank you God.

Amen.