Hey, everybody, this is Willow of Cornerstone Bible

Church, and I have Pastor Josh Mack and

Pastor Isaiah Mackler here with me.

Thank you guys for joining me again.

Yeah, it's good to be with you. Will.

Hope you guys are having a good week.

Want to address some of the questions have

come through from the passage or just even

things that people have questions about.

And one of the questions that did come

through that we're going to address is how

do I Shepherd my child through a loss?

Like, for example, they didn't win a soccer game

or they lost at a piano recital or something

along those lines and my child's crying uncontrollably?

How do I Shepherd my son

or daughter through things like that? Yeah.

Well, first of all, I would say that it

is fantastic to hear a parent asking that question,

because that means they are recognizing that part of

their role is to help their children learn how

to think about life from a biblical perspective.

And obviously, children don't come

out of the womb wise.

They come out of the womb foolish.

And it's not surprising that they have a difficult

time responding to new situations in life because that's

part of why we're there as parents.

We're there as parents to be coaches, in

a sense, to train them how to respond

to things like losing a soccer game.

Of course, when it comes to shepherding them in

that moment, there are different things going on.

Like there's actually that moment where they are crying

uncontrollably and there's all you do before that moment

and there's all you do after that moment.

And so those are different elements

and we can talk about those.

Is there anything that comes to your mind right away?

I'm just thinking that that sounds really good.

So it's normal.

I guess one can say it is normal for

kids to cry because it's showing something, right.

It's showing that they're invested in it.

They didn't want to lose, which could be good signs,

but also could be adulter signs in that regard, right?

For sure.

They want to win so bad, they'll do

whatever it takes, but they didn't win.

So yeah.

So first of all, we need to ask ourselves

if we're going to shepherd our children in a

moment like that, we need to ask ourselves, do

we think about sports and loss biblically?

So it's not really surprising to see

our children thinking poorly about losing.

If we think poorly about losing, that would be one

question I would ask myself is, have I trained them

to respond poorly to sports because of my own some

attitude that they've seen in me towards winning and losing?

So that would be one have I done the work before

they play sports to help them understand what sports are?

What is the purpose of sports?

What is the purpose of competition?

So how have I prepped them for this?

Is it obvious to them that I'm actually finding my

identity in them winning and putting such a burden on

this child that it's not really just about the game.

It's actually about them failing me because of

the way that I'm responding to their loss.

So there'll be some questions I would ask of myself.

Part of what I want when I talk

to my children and help my children think

about sports is and any real loss is.

I want them to understand that

disappointment is part of life.

It's part of the human experience before the

new heavens and the new Earth where we're

just swimming in the fullness of joy.

So they're going to have to

learn how to deal with disappointment.

And I want my expectations to be correct too.

I'm not asking them when they lose to be inhuman

and simply to be like, oh, I just love losing.

It's amazing to lose.

I just wish I could lose every day.

And yet at the same time, I don't want them

to be controlled by that loss so that the loss

suddenly overwhelms them and that's all there is.

I want to help them think about not getting a

toy at the grocery store that they wanted or losing

a game that they really wanted to win.

I want to help them think about that in a

biblical perspective, really in terms of what is real.

I want to make sure that I'm not just

responding to them crying by being annoyed that they're

crying because it's embarrassing to be out there and

see your kid going crazy from losing.

And then you're like, oh my

goodness, why is everybody watching me?

Stop crying, stop crying.

And so it's not really about shepherding them, then it's

just about people not thinking, you're a bad parent.

And so it's hard to imagine that much

good is going to happen from that.

So I also want to ask, what is

my child's response in this moment telling me

about my child that's going to give me

future opportunities to shepherd and disciple them?

Yes, I think that sounds really good.

I'm trying to process just because my kids have not

done sports, but I've seen kids who've done sports.

So I'm thinking, no, but one of

the thoughts is that we are finite.

And so there's this idea built in with

winning that I think if you won every

time, you would be surpassing your finiteness.

And that is a craving in our hearts.

So I think the question is like,

well, why are we craving that?

I was talking with one of my daughters from Ephesians

six and about what the schemes of Satan are.

And I think that one of the schemes of

Satan are is that we can be perfect.

And why does he want us to think that we

can be perfect and always excel and always be awesome?

And the kids had some good answers there.

And so although that was in a sports

context, it is easy to kind of apply.

Why don't we like to see that we're

finite and that we make mistakes or that

we can't always accomplish our dreams?

We don't like being dependent.

We don't like being creatures.

We want eternal glory on the sports field.

This is one of the great things about sports

or just any activity like that petition in general.

Yeah.

It gives you the chance to help your

children think biblically about things they might not.

So that's even kind of a bigger goal in

having your kids participate in different things, like sports

perhaps, than just having them be great.

And winning is actually it's giving you an opportunity as a

parent to do some of that necessary work for life.

So like one thing that's necessary

for life is controlling your feelings.

So there's going to be times in life for

all of us where we are so in it

and so disappointed that all we can think about.

And is that feeling and it causes

us to act a certain way.

And so I want to help my children anticipate

that reality and know what to do in the

middle of that reality so that they can still

serve others and function really as a blessing.

So if we had a child that was so in a game

that he's crying that much, one thing I can encourage him about

is it's great to see that you long to do your best.

You want to do your best.

So that is great.

Then another thing I would do before the game certainly

is stop and think, okay, if we lose today, how

are we going to respond to this loss?

And then I would want to help them

think through, okay, first of all, the practicalities

of how they're going to respond.

You're going to feel like crying and you're

going to feel like it's all over.

What thoughts do I need to put off and

what thoughts do I need to put on?

And so you're trying to put truth in their heads

and prepare them for what is about to happen.

It is interesting how losing is a loss, right?

And I think when people

really suffer, they are disappointed.

It feels like loss.

So as Pastor Josh often says, your feelings

are real, but they aren't what is real.

And so it's weird.

A loss in sport feels like a loss.

Like I had this dream of glory and now it's gone

and it slipped through my fingers and that feels like loss,

but that's not really a loss and it's not even true.

You actually are no different of

a person putting in perspective.

I think it's so interesting with that question.

It's not only the child, but it's also

the parent, the parents expectations, the parents, what

are they trying to live vicariously through their

child and doing these things?

And there's a lot of soul searching for both parts.

Like there's prep work for me as a dad.

I want my kids to win and yet

at the same time preparing them for losing.

How do you work through those type of things?

And also you're talking about like, oh, is

it so shameful to see your kid in

front of everybody in the public cry uncontrollably?

And it's a reflection on you. Yeah.

So it's just like working through those things as

adult, as a parent, not only that, but then

also being able to more than just you think

about your child and their future and how they're

going to process events like this because they're not

always going to be not always going to win. Yeah.

What we often tell our kids is what we

want more for you than winning is for you

to honor God in the middle of the competition.

So if you win and you don't honor God, you lose.

If you lose and you honor God, then

you really win in the big picture.

And so those are the kinds of things that

we almost want to embed in their culture, in

the family culture, by saying them so often and

by pointing out even that being the best player

on the field and proud is really ugly.

I tell my children as well, I'd rather you be

the worst player who's kind and who is giving it

their all and seeking to serve others than to be

a great player who's all about yourself.

And we even warn them about the dangers of that,

of being great and how difficult that is to be

good at something and still be honoring Christ.

So we sometimes will also talk

about the advantages of losing.

So losing has some disadvantages, but there's a

lot of good things that God can do

in your life through a loss.

So it doesn't mean that when we go out

to play, we're like trying to lose and that

it's natural and good to even want to win.

But we also want to help our kids know that

losing, like Isaiah was saying in the big picture, it

does do some really good things in our lives.

I think also with some of our kids, we need to

be careful that they respect you already as a dad.

And so they might have this picture of you as this

amazing person who never lost at anything in your life.

And it's good to bring up stories of when you lost

and you had to deal with it so that you might

not even think that they respect you like that.

But when they're little that's kind of inbuilt, I

think that they have this picture of you.

I know my kids sometimes think I'm

so great at basketball or something.

I'm like, guys, I'm not good at this stuff.

Like, I'm not I promise you're, pretty good.

It was better.

But I have to tell them, look, I was

on a high school team that lost every single

game, and they laugh and it's a little shameful

to think of that, but I don't know why.

Not every season, right?

Yeah, not every season, but yeah,

all the good that God did.

It's good to learn to lose.

You're going to do a lot of it in your life.

Most of us.

So whether it be sports or competition, piano recitals

or writing an essay or something like that, there's

always these prizes and competition like that.

I guess the question is, especially for kids who aren't

saved right out of the womb, you're not saved. Right.

You're sinful in that sense.

How do you your kids, too.

Yeah, my kids, too.

How do you work?

Not necessarily work in the gospel, but it's more

like in light of the bigger picture of Salvation

you're talking about in regards to the winning and

losing, that's not the end goal.

It's to honor God, I guess.

How would we be able to use those type of

scenarios to point them back to Jesus as well?

In that sense, yeah, that's a great question.

Perhaps then you should answer it because

I was thinking about something else.

No, but just thinking about there was something

you had said, but thinking about why we

do sports or why we want to excel.

And there could be really good reasons like that.

God made us in his image and part of being

made in his images to be a worker in his

world and to overcome the chaos of the fall.

And so you strive to do something beautiful

by playing, by playing a piano piece.

Well, as well as you can for the glory.

I mean, there's all kinds of beautiful

themes there, but then there can be.

I'm seeking glory and just kind of thinking about

Romans, too, how God encourages seeking glory and honor.

But it's from him for doing good.

And so that is an interesting am I doing this as good

for the glory of God because he made me in his image?

Well, then does it really matter if I misplayed a note?

Am I going to cry because of that or

because I got second place or third place?

Was this about me or about him?

So that's just so different from Romans

eleven, end of the chapter for him.

So Stuart Scott, kind of talking about pride and humility,

does this great thing with the end of Romans.

And so the end of Romans eleven says the depths

of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God.

How insurchable are his judgments,

how inscrutable his ways.

For who has known the mind of the Lord.

Okay, here for 16.

For from him and through him and to him

are all things to him be glory forever. Amen.

What pride does is say for from me and through me

and to me are all things to me be the glory.

And so that's where competition get really messed up.

That's from me and through me and

to me, to me, the glory.

So put that little trophy on your stand.

That's totally different with the way that we could

look at that trophy and say that was totally

from God and through God and to God.

That was the question I was thinking about.

But that's actually the beginning of an answer to this

question in terms of just how we as humans.

No, it's wrong.

It's a great beginning.

Because if you're working with your child, one of the things

you can do is look at something like sports or piano

or any pleasure, really, and say, okay, as humans, we're so

broken because, look, here's something that God gave us for good

and for our joy playing the piano or shooting baskets and

what are we doing with it?

What are we tempted to do with it?

We're tempted to turn this created pleasure.

We're tempted, first of all, to stuff our face

with it and, like, make it a God.

Or we're tempted to use that created pleasure

to act as if we were God.

And so what happens when we do that?

Get a title like a King James?

Yeah, right.

And other people are searching for glory and

they'll try to find glory in our successes.

But what happens when we do that?

We end up destroying the pleasure and we end up

doing damage to ourselves and do damage to others.

And so we need a savior and finding your identity

and being a great basketball player or being a great

piano player, that is not what those things are for.

That is taking those good pleasures that God's

given and you're going to turn them into

something that ends up destroying you.

And so I want to show you a better

saver, a better place to find your identity.

And that would not be in boasting in the fact

that I can play basketball better than others, but boasting

in the fact that Jesus Christ died for me.

And so that's where the Bible tells us to boast.

It doesn't want us to stop boasting, like you said,

but it wants us to boast in the right place,

which is what Christ has accomplished for me.

And now that I have that identity, I'm in Christ.

My identity is not defined anymore

by I want a piano competition.

I can just take that for what it is. That's great.

I can play the piano for the glory of God, or

I'm a good basketball player for the glory of God.

It's not this is me.

This is everything depends on this.

And the other thing I think, to be honest with our

children about is how tempted we are to do that.

And so even as Christians, we're tempted to go back

and make life about something as trivial as basketball.

Last night I was telling Will we were having devotions and

the Sixers game was on, and I was just having to

tell my children, look, isn't this so silly and wrong?

I'm sitting here around the table and

I'm wanting to watch the basketball game

instead of talking with you about God.

That's not my main one, but that feeling is in there.

What I want most is to glorify God.

And so I'm choosing this now, but I need to save you.

I'm so broken.

I'll make a silly basketball game

more important than hearing from God.

And you need a savior as well.

That's really good.

If you had watched, though, they would have won.

I got the Sixers down the superstition, but

this is applicable even for social media.

This is getting down the track of Web

2.0, Web 3.0, and stuff like that.

But people are so into how many followers

they have or if they have the blue

check Mark to validate who they are.

And yeah, it's just tying back to everything that

you guys are talking about outside of competition.

It's more like, oh, I want the number

of people who follow me, who love me,

who get the accolades, who gets the money.

Also in the US marketing aspect of things, you see

that all the time, it's always promoting the best whoever.

That's what we're feeding and

that's what we're consuming.

And that's not what we're feeding,

but that's what we're consuming.

And unless we're able to shepherd, to come alongside

our own hearts and those who are watching, I

think our family members, our kids, then it's easy

to like, oh, that's what we should be desiring.

We desire to be King James or

whoever, whatever it is in whatever field.

I think it's just really interesting, very applicable.

Yeah.

We were talking with the children last night just about how

we do desperately want to be King and King of the

world as a result, that's part of what makes it so

difficult for people to submit to the kingship of God, making

their life all about the glory of God.

But we also said, isn't it interesting when you

want to be King, the center of the world?

What ends up happening is that

other things rule over you.

We're not made to be King.

And so when we try to be King, so we want

to use basketball to be all about our own glory.

What ends up happening is

that basketball rules over me.

If I want to make pleasure, I want to be King.

So I'm just going to give myself to alcohol.

What ends up happening is alcohol rules over

me if I want to be King.

So I'm going to make as much money as possible.

What ends up happening is that money rules over me.

And as a result, those things are not

good Kings, and they end up producing a

terrible kind of slavery and so real freedom.

To be able to play basketball well or enjoy any

pleasure well is submitting first and foremost to the authority

of God because he's the only good and gracious King.

That's great.

It is crazy how our human hearts will

kind of seek because we're so bad at

being Kings and because we aren't King.

And God reveals that to us again and again.

We really have no control.

So we shrink the size of our

Kingdom to something that we can control.

So if I'm a good enough athlete, I'll be

satisfied with however long a basketball court is.

If I'm a really bad athlete, then maybe

I'll be satisfied with keeping my bookshelf organized.

If I'm really bad at that, well, then I'll

just carefully consume a certain number of calories.

I mean, all the ways that we as humans

try to be King, but that's just awesome.

You're saying, Joshua, that eats upon itself, right?

In a sense.

We're ruled by what we worship, which is good.

It's also good news.

We can be ruled by who we worship. Yeah.

It's a kindness of God to build into a lot

of these things, just an emptiness or an end.

And if our eyes were open, we would realize

that he's the only source of lasting satisfaction.

Even a great basketball player at 38 is old.

All these things money he's made it very obvious that

they're not good Kings, which is kind of wild, though,

being made in God's image that we are little Kings,

right mean, but that has to be redeemed.

So that then we become his servant. Servant.

It's very humble. Dependent.

I'm going to work in your garden.

It's not going to grow exactly the way that I want.

Yeah, it's a neat theme.

So we're going to rule

for eternity under Christ Lordship. Awesome.

That's really good.

I think that was awesome in

regards to talking through that.

And there are so many facets to that.

Even the question about my child

crying uncontrollably at whatever event.

Well, because it is being human, right.

I mean, all of its kind of

glory, but all of its sadness, too. Yeah.

And it's good to remember as you deal with your kids

in those moments, that it's not just about that moment.

So that can be a difficult moment.

But there's more to that child's

life than just that moment.

So keep it in perspective as well that you

might be embarrassed right then, but there's other days

coming and then that you have struggled at point

with over exaggerating disappointments in your own life.

Your child is not the first one to make

too big a deal out of a small deal.

You have done that.

So be careful not to be.

Even now that you're like 40, you still do that.

You don't get the promotion at work and you go

around talking about maybe you don't cry on the field

all day long, but you talk about it with a

lot of people as if and you're tempted to make

that the center of the whole universe, that loss.

So it's just good to be humble as you talk

to your children as well, so you can come alongside

of them more than just like, hey, you didn't only

lose on the field, but you're like a loser right

now because they're not so different than you.

They're just Littler and they show

their emotion in a different way.

But you've gotten a little more sophisticated, but

you're tempted in some of those ways, too.

Well, and perhaps even crazier some of us.

And I'm sure that this is not going to resonate

with everyone listening have felt an emotional loss when somebody

else lost, like the team that you were rooting for.

I remember when the sex lost the

Super Bowl, and I felt sad.

Now that is like borderline nuts.

There that kid who loses the game is like

rational compared to feeling sad when someone else loses.

We can probably go dive deeper into that.

But with the time that we do have going

back to I appreciate both of you the answer

and contribution in regards to that question.

But going back to the message from this past

Sunday, from Luke 442 to 44, I'm just going

to read through it and then ask the question.

So Luke 442 says, and when it was day,

he departed and went into a desolate place, and

the people sought him and came to him and

would have kept him from leaving them.

But he said to them, I must preach the good news

of the Kingdom of God to the other towns as well.

For I was sent for this purpose, and he was preaching

in the synagogues of Judea, and there was a lot there.

You can go through the sermon notes

that Pastor Joshua provided that week.

But one of the questions that came up

was, I feel like it's easy to interpret

this section of the passage as like, oh,

we're here just to go evangelize non believers.

I'm sure you could apply that.

But at the same time, there could be an application of

how do we apply this as believers, to other believers?

So I guess that's a question that's coming up.

All right. Yeah.

I like this opportunity that we have to talk about

the sermon and to look back at the text and

specifically to think about application, because part of why the

Bible was given Second Timothy three says to teach us,

to instruct us, to correct us.

So coming to the scripture to know how

we should now live is a good instinct.

We should want that.

But application isn't always easy.

And one of the reasons why it's not easy

is because we haven't always had a lot of

good examples of how to do that.

And it can be especially difficult in a narrative.

And so it's a little bit easier

when Paul says, give thanks always.

What's the application?

Well, kind of having a struggle there, but it's easier

in some of those passages than it is a narrative.

And so when we come to a story like

this where we see Jesus doing something, how do

we and Jesus even explaining his own personal purpose.

That's what's happening here.

How do we apply it to our lives?

Because there is an application to our lives.

All scripture is written for this purpose.

And so there's maybe some steps that

we would take to do that.

One of those steps would be to

ask, why was Luke writing this?

So if I was sitting down with Luke, what is the

application that he wants me to primarily go away with or

that he was intending the reader to primarily go away with?

And fortunately for Luke, he tells us what

his purpose was at the beginning, which was

certainty and confidence and all of that.

So that would be one place.

Another thing that we can do when it comes

to application is to say, what does this tell

me I'm supposed to believe about Jesus?

Sometimes we don't think of believing

as an application, but believing these

truths is a pretty big application.

And one of the things Luke wants us to do

is to believe that Jesus accomplished all kinds of signs

and wonders and also to understand and believe that Jesus

purpose was bigger than accomplishing signs and wonders.

It involved preaching the good news of the Kingdom

of God, which, by the way, is what we're

talking about with our children who's a sports game.

Go ahead.

Am I supposed to believe about Jesus?

That would be a big application.

Then second, we can continue, I suppose.

I don't know if it's second anymore, but we

can continue and say, okay, I would be tempted

to look at this and say, I must preach

the good news of the Kingdom of God.

So I need to go out and preach

the good news of the Kingdom of God.

That might be true, but obviously the eye there

is not Joshua Mack, the eye there is Jesus.

So if I'm going to get to I need to

go out and preach the good news of the Kingdom

of God as an application of this particular text, then

I'm going to have to do some work.

Like I'm going to have to figure

out how did I get there.

And so there are ways perhaps to get there.

So is Jesus giving me an example?

Am I taught from other places in the

Bible to look to Jesus as an example?

Yes and no.

So Jesus did signs and wonders.

Am I to do signs and wonders in the same way? No.

Jesus taught the good news of the Kingdom

of God to other towns in Israel.

Well, am I to teach the good

news of the Kingdom of God? Yes.

To other towns in Israel? Maybe.

Why am I making that

application of this particular text?

Again, there's reasons.

The book of Acts, I think, is written to

say, yes, that mission that we see Jesus having

here has been given to the Church.

And so in Acts we're seeing that explain.

It's not just going to be to the towns of Israel.

Actually, Jesus says to the Apostles, you

do what you are my witnesses.

I'm going to speak to the world really

through you I've had this mission of being

the servant and taking the good news out.

Now I'm asking you, and through you,

I'm going to carry out this Ministry.

I'm going to continue to preach the good news

of the Kingdom of God to the entire world.

So that's more how we get to the application of how

we are to preach the good news of the Kingdom of

God as a Church, as a priority in our lives.

Now, what application does this have

to our relationships with other believers?

Well, as I listened on Sunday, I did feel a desire to

be like Jesus, put his focus on preaching the good news.

And I do want to do that.

And I was so excited about that

and that's I'm encouraged because that wasn't

because Pastor Joshua said we should.

I don't think that you gave that application at all.

It was just like, this is what Jesus valued, and this

is how Jesus is going to bring in eternity is through

this good news, which is going to be about himself.

And I want to do that too, because this is good.

But that's not devoid of what we do to

one another, which is preaching the good news.

I interrupted there about sports, but that's a lot of

what we're doing is we're sitting and talking about how

human nature is broken and how we are King builders

building our own kingdoms rather than God's Kingdom.

Now here we see how dramatically different and

how beautiful Jesus is as he's bringing in

God's Kingdom for God's glory and knowing that

Jesus preached the good news of the Kingdom.

I think that is the Ministry that we

were just doing here to one another.

Even as we talk about parenting is.

Look how transformative following Jesus is that it completely

changes the trophy we have on our shelf to

be about God's glory rather than our glory.

So with so many I don't know if it's so

many applications, at least with this one, when it gets

to the heart of the gospel, I don't think that

there's that much difference between the person who hasn't heard

it for the first time or the person who needs

it for the billionth time.

It's so neat to even hear you talk there.

In terms of how application in the Bible works

and how we work as humans, one of the

ways we work as humans, we actually change is

by looking at people and having heroes.

So what does a person since we're talking about sports, what

does a person who's a huge Lakers fan often do?

They wear the Lakers outfits, pins.

They start valuing what King James values.

In a sense, we are changed

often by looking up to heroes.

So we don't even recognize always that we're changed.

Even high school students, they look at someone who's

cool in class, and they start looking like that

person in the way that they express. Yeah.

The things they talk about.

I'm going to start trimming my a

beard shorter to look at Pastor Joshua.

So part of the purpose of how part of

how the Bible changes us and how applications work

is we're looking at Jesus and we're seeing how

beautiful and awesome he is even in this moment.

And we're learning what he values.

And his values are radically different than

the values of this crowd right here.

And actually the values of many people

that we would know as well.

And so when we see what Jesus values and

how beautiful Jesus is, that shapes our values now,

and we begin to realize in life, the ultimate

priority is not just being healthy or having my

world, just the way that I like it.

The ultimate value to Jesus.

And my ultimate value now is the

good news of the Kingdom of God. Does that change my

conversations with other Christians?

Yeah, it changes my

conversations with other Christians.

My ultimate value, the thing that gives my

blood boil, my heart beating is the good

news of the Kingdom of God.

And so that's going to impact my conversations.

Yeah, that's good because, like, piggybacking

off of that for me.

I would assume all the miracles, those

are the things that I should be

valuing, because those don't happen that often.

There's a big wow factor to it.

But you very succinctly talked about it in Sunday's

message, like, he was providing all these miracles to

Capernum, and they were like, we struck gold.

We found the guy who's going to heal everybody.

He's going to bring prosperity to

our land, this and the other.

And then you're talking about the end of it.

They turned away from him.

They wanted to kill him.

They didn't believe in him anymore.

Understand, what are we the value, like, realigning

our value systems, because our world, our neighbors,

whatever has been trying to thwart us from

our true vision of worshiping God.

Instead, they want us to worship ourselves. Right.

And that's part of what makes just a physical

miracle inadequate for dealing with the fundamental problem of

a human, because what a human would do with

a physical miracle is what he does with sports.

I want that person to make me.

I want to make it about me.

And Jesus is like, no, what's

real is that it's about me.

And once a person's confronted with that,

they need more than a physical miracle,

they need an even bigger miracle.

They need a spiritual miracle because humans naturally

don't submit to the authority of Jesus and

want it to be about Jesus.

And that's why even spiritual

miracles are more exciting.

When you see a person who is convicted of

sin, when you see a person who loves Christ

more than they love themselves, that is bigger than

seeing a paralyzed man walk or a blind person

see, actually and more rare in a sense.

So that's why we're also to give praise to God.

When our brothers and sisters before us, they're like, Man,

I was so angry or I was so idolatrous.

I've been pursuing business and work and wealth so much,

and God's been revealing that to me, and it sucks.

I'm having to work through that.

But we can praise God.

That Holy Spirit is showing that to you.

And by the Grace of God, he's going to bring

you out of that hole, like, no longer desiring that.

If you really are pursuing Jesus or you really

are calling yourself a Christian, we should really celebrate.

It's a good point.

Like, if someone who was paralyzed and they started

to walk in the Church service, probably the rest

of us wouldn't be just like, I don't want

that guy to get proud now.

I don't want him to get proud.

So I'm just going to act like nothing happened.

Maybe we won't say, this is amazing.

When we see someone changing, that is a miracle.

That is something that only God can do.

Holiness is something only God can perform.

And actually, at the end of the day, only he

can accomplish in somebody's life, and he should get the

praise for it, and we should be people who spot

it and give thanks to him for what he's doing.

It's really crazy.

So Jesus doing this and preaching the

good news of the Kingdom here.

Jesus miracles were the authentication

of Jesus as well.

One of them, he has all the power to

give them the Kingdom that they were craving.

So instead, he tells them with

a Kingdom that they need.

It is God's Kingdom.

It's a completely different way of a living.

So how wild that they hear the proof that he

could have crushed Rome and he could have done anything.

He could give us the Kingdom that we want.

And so he says, I'm going to call you

to the Kingdom that you need, which is real

living, and that puts him into suffering.

And that's really what he calls us to

as we pursue God's Kingdom and not our

own is the fellowship of his sufferings, too.

I guess I'm just more riffing off of the passage now

than responding at all to what Josh you just said.

But, yeah, it's helpful to even

think through in that regard. Yeah. Thanks, Will. Yeah.

So appreciate the time you gentlemen have given us in

regards to answering questions or things that we have in

regards to the message even we're going through, how to

interpret the Bible in the sense of application.

These are the questions that we should be

asking ourselves when we're thinking about, oh, okay.

I should go to Israel now.

I should take a flight and go start vagilizing there.

It's like, no. Yes.

Take some work and steps in understanding that.

And so our goal is to really help members and those

who are listening answer any questions that you guys have.

And so we have a Google form

that's probably the most effective way.

Instead of emailing each other or

people, there's a Google form.

Write down your questions and we'll look to address it

whether it be next week or in a future podcast.

We're working through this week by week, right?

Trying to figure out the rhythm of it.

You really will serve us by asking questions

and serve other members of the Church.

We want this to be for you and so that's really

why we're doing this and we love the conversation too.

But if you're afraid to ask a question, we're

not going to say your name on the podcast

or anything like that unless you want us to.

It's just actually a way of helping others

by sharing what you're thinking about because probably

five other people are asking similar questions. Right.

Well, thanks, everyone.

I hope this was helpful. Yeah.

And we'll see you next time. Yeah. Bye for now. Yeah.

There it is.