**The Grudge, Pt 3**

**August 19/20, 2023**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

Below are study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend’s sermon. Feel free to only use those which best fit your group’s allotted time.

**Scripture Reflection:** Read **Ps 13:1-2 & Phil 4:5b-7.** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages, and then ask the group to share what stands out.

**Application Questions:**

1. In discussing “dealing with disappointments with God”, Tom shared, *“Seasons of disappointment with God are often part of the journey of faith.’”*
   1. Share a disappointment with God that you may have had in your faith journey. How did the disappointment initially impact your faith?
2. Tom stated, *“Let your disappointments drive you towards God, not away from Him. Be like Hannah. She brought all of her deep anguish to God in prayer.”*
   1. Are you able to bring your anguish or disappoints to God in prayer? If so, what kind of impact does that have? If not, what stops you from doing so?
3. Tom said, “*Keep showing up in worship. When we keep showing up, even before the circumstances change, it’s a form of worship.”*
   1. What are some of the ways that you “keep showing up in worship” even before unwanted circumstances change?
4. Tom shared, *“God never promises us that our peace will come through understanding ‘why’ certain things happened in our life.”*
   1. Share a specific time when you experienced God’s peace even without understanding why a certain circumstance occurred in your life. What are some of the things that help you better experience God’s peace? (Scripture, church, worship music, being with other believers, etc.)

**Closing & Prayer**: [set aside sufficient time for prayer]

* Pray for the personal prayer request(s) of those in your group
* Pray that CA would be a church that understands God’s delay is not God’s denial
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our 2023 “in person” attendance