**WHY, GOD?** *I Will Worship Through It All (Session Two -* Shay Robbins)

**WORSHIP WHEN LIFE IS UNCERTAIN** Lamentations 3:19 -42

“A *Control Complex* is functional idolatry,” and the symptoms are stress and anxiety. Shay said he ‘white knuckles’ when he is stressed, trying to control situations.

**Question:** How do *you* deal with circumstances that are out of your control? What is your ‘default’ tendency and how does that work for you?

**Example:** Fred Martin, from Texas, married Pat, the love of his life. When she died Fred was left to raise three kids on his own. Shay asked Fred how he maintained faith when God took Pat. Fred said, “I don’t like it but there is nothing I can do about it. I have to believe it is part of God’s plan for me and I trust that He will see us through it. Everything is part of a plan; we just don’t realize it until we look back. God loves me and my family. There is a reason for what happened. I am so blessed, it’s by the grace of God that I could do this.”

**Share** a time when you felt overwhelmed with a trial God took you through. How did you walk through it and what did you learn through the experience? Can you look back as Fred did, and see God’s hand in developing your character?

It’s okay to **“Express our feelings,”** to tell God how we feel, then to stake our claim on God’s truth. “**Declare truth.”** What does that mean and how do you do it?

Do you tend to “take the wheel out of God’s hands” when a trial comes? And how is that **‘functional idolatry’?**

**Share** how verses 21-26 have impacted you as you have walked through the trials God allowed in your life.

**Consider**: We were challenged to give God our morning, and to cling to His promises. Just as we cannot stop the sun from rising or setting, we can do nothing to break God’s faithfulness to us. How have you found God to be your portion in difficulty and uncertainty?

*We are admonished to let our kids struggle and wrestle with difficulties, because character development is part of God’s plan.*

God allows difficult things *for good* to those who love him. (Remember, Satan had to ask God to deal with Job.) God is Loving, Compassionate, Just and Sovereign. Has your life experience confirmed this in your heart?