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A Celebration Church Series

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“Glorify God with Your Life”

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-16; Prov. 9:10, 2:9-11; 1 Kings 19:11-13; John 16:12-14

Ice Breaker: Have you ever felt 'exposed?' Have you ever walked through healing? What were those experiences like? How do you navigate them?

Message Notes:

Jesus wants to expose us... His word is alive and active working to change and shape us (Hebrews 4:12-13)

- The process of healing can be uncomfortable, but we must lean into the pain of discomfort to experience full healing.

To live in a way that glorifies God with our life:

- 1) Walk with wisdom** - move from dark to light and do not live foolishly (Prov. 9:10, 2:9-10)
- 2) Discern God's Will** - Ephesians 5 encourages us to *discern what is pleasing to the Lord...and to understand what the will of the Lord is*. God has a plan for your life, you just need to seek it out and find understanding
- 3) Be filled with the Holy Spirit** - (John 16:12-14; 1 Kings 19:11-13) To hear him, we must be close to him. Create silence and space to listen...*he will guide you into all the truth*

Questions:

1. In what areas in your life do you feel Jesus exposing you? Are you willing to be vulnerable and humble to walk through this in a way that brings healing? What will that take?
2. To walk with wisdom...what does this look like? What scriptures can encourage us to walk as wise and not fools?
3. If God has a will for your life, how do you discern it? Is the *will of God* about a job title/position or something greater?
4. How do you know when you have been filled with the Holy Spirit? Is this meant to happen once, or over and over?

Prayer:

Father, THANK YOU that you have a will for my life. I am sorry where I have fought, struggled or wrestled with you when you have had my best interest at heart. I want to hear from you and understand what your will is. Please fill me afresh with your spirit, daily guide me in all wisdom and truth, and help me to continually discern your will for me. Daily, allow me to see and hear how you want to work in and through me. May my life be one that shines your light to others and allows YOU to get the glory. AMEN.

What's Coming Up:

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