

*Revolving: Philippians 4.4-9*  
November 4, 2012  
Message Notes



- If you're breathing,  
you're broken.  
If you're broken,  
you've got broken relationships.
- If you're breathing,  
you're broken.  
And if you're broken,  
you don't do rejoicing well.  
You do worrying and whining very well.  
You do life-revolving-around-me really well.

1. God has another way for broken people!

Philippians 4.4-9

*Life revolving around me:*

When circumstances in my life go wrong, I sulk and am angry at God or others, or myself, because I believe than anyone who is good deserves a comfortable life.

When circumstances in my life go well, I am happy and thankful to God, because He's rewarded me for my good life.

2. What did we leave out?

Philippians 4.4-9

*Life revolving around the cross of Jesus:*

When circumstances in my life go wrong, I struggle, but I know my punishment fell on Jesus and so I rejoice in God, knowing He is using even this to conform me to His image and He will exercise His Fatherly love within my troubles.

When circumstances in my life go well, I am thankful to God and rejoice in Him, because any good that comes to me is an undeserved gift of God's love demonstrated in the cross of Jesus.

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Growth Group Questions



1. Share about a time when you've experienced joy even in the middle of some really tough circumstances.
  
2. Read our teaching passage, Philippians 4.4-9.
  - a. What does the gospel--the finished work of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection from the death--have to do with our joy in difficult circumstances, gentleness toward all, and worry and anxiety?
  
  - b. Think and talk through the "Life revolving around . . ." statements from our Sunday message, found on the flip side. Consider our responses to life's many changing circumstances depending on who you are revolving around, me, or Jesus of the cross.
  
3. Go to Matthew 6.25-34. Consider how the Father's kind care for us helps free us from worry and anxiety.
  
4. Can you identify a place in your life where your responses reveal you're revolving more around yourself than Jesus? What's a step you can take this week in finding hope, not in your own abilities or wishes, but in the the cross of Jesus?