

**GOD NEVER SAID THAT | GOD WANTS YOU TO BE HAPPY  
WAVE CHURCH SD | MAY 1, 2022**

**DON'T LET YOUR SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS**

**ROB YOU OF YOUR BLESSINGS**

**THEOLOGY OF HAPPINESS | THE BELIEF THAT GOD'S SUPREME  
GOAL IN MY LIFE IS MY HAPPINESS**

- WHATEVER MAKES ME HAPPY MUST BE TRUE; WHATEVER MAKES ME UNHAPPY MUST BE WRONG
- DISCOMFORT, DELAY, RISKS, SUFFERING, INCONVENIENCES, AND OBSTACLES CAN'T POSSIBLY BE GOD'S WILL
- WITHOUT KNOWING IT, I BEGIN TO WORSHIP THE FALSE GODS OF COMFORT, MONEY, PLEASURE, AND THINGS

*"You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out God hates all the same people you hate." — Anne Lamott*

**GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO PURSUE  
HAPPINESS; HE WANT US TO PURSE HIM.**

**Psalms 47:1 (ESV)** *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

**Ecclesiastes 9:7 (ESV)** *Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.*

**Romans 15:13 (ESV)** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

**Philippians 4:4 (ESV)** *Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;*

**WHEN GOD IS YOUR FOCUS, JOY IS ALWAYS PRESENT**

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)** *<sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

**WHEN GOD DOES NOT WANT YOU HAPPY**

- GOD DOES NOT WANT YOU HAPPY WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING UNLOVING TOWARD GOD, YOURSELF, OR OTHERS

**1 Peter 1:15** *"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do."*

- GOD DOES NOT WANT YOU HAPPY WHEN IT'S CONSTRUCTED ON IDOLS

**Romans 1:18-25 (ESV)** *<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

**Better possessions + Peaceful circumstances + Thrilling Experience + The  
Right Relationships + The Perfect Appearance = Happiness**

**1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

**GOD'S HIGHEST PRIORITY IS NOT YOUR  
HAPPINESS, BUT YOUR HOLINESS**

**Blessed** | The state of being in God's grace and favor.

**Psalms 1:1-2 (ESV)** *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

**Psalms 34:8 (ESV)** *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

**Psalms 40:4 (ESV)** *Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!*

**Matthew 5:2-12 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup>*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>4</sup>*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

<sup>5</sup>*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

<sup>6</sup>*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

<sup>7</sup>*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

<sup>8</sup>*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

<sup>9</sup>*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

<sup>10</sup>*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>11</sup>*"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**GOD WANTS YOU BLESSED, BUT GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE A MYSTERY**

**James 1:2-4 (ESV)** <sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**Romans 8:37-39 (ESV)** <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Welcome to **Wave Church**

## **CONNECT**

### **STARTING POINT LUNCH | TODAY at 11:30 a.m.**

Starting Point is our "You are here" sign at Wave, and this lunch is designed to make it easy for you to connect and navigate the next steps to connect, grow, and serve at Wave Church. If you would like to learn more about Wave, meet our pastors, staff, and other newcomers, and hear about the story and heart of our church, please join us for lunch in the outdoor cafeteria right after service.

### **LADIES' DESSERT NIGHT | May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

Calling all Wave Ladies! We are getting together for a Dessert Night on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and we hope you can all be there! Bring a drink or dessert to share, and we will have a much-needed evening of fellowship with one another. Register today via the Newsletter or on our Website at [wavechurchsd.com/events](http://wavechurchsd.com/events).

### **LYSA TERKEURST | May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

Speaker and author Lysa TerKeurst is bringing *The Encounter Tour* to Spring Valley on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Chandler Brannam is setting up a carpool, so buy your tickets online, then text Chandler if you're interested in carpooling with other ladies to the event. (Check in the Newsletter for more details)

## **SERVE**

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | Nursery Volunteers**

We have a healthy and thriving Children's Ministry here at Wave, and as our classrooms grow, so does the need for new leaders. If you have a heart for our littlest ones, please fill out a communication card and Pastor Steven will be in touch!