

# GOD CHOSE YOU FOR LIFE IN CHRIST

"...even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."  
Ephesians 1:4

## **Calling**

Hidden in human vocations (family, citizen, and community), God is ministering to us and providing all our daily needs.

## **Persecution**

1 in 8 Christians (340 million) live in places where they experience high levels of persecution and discrimination due to following Jesus Christ.

## **Facing Temptation**

Millennials (ages 18-28) are most likely to report struggling with procrastination, worry, being lazy, spending too much time in media, over eating, gossiping, viewing porn, drug/alcohol abuse, and lying.

## **Transgenderism**

Among 25,000 youth, transgender youth were twice as likely to report depressive symptoms, seriously consider suicide, and engage in suicidal behaviors compared to other youth.

## **Facts of Life**

### **New Believers**

Christianity is growing 1.18% per year, which is faster than the growth of atheism (0.22%), but slower than Islam (1.92%), Hinduism (1.28%), and Sikhism (1.71%).

# His Word

You make known to me the path  
of life; in your presence, there is  
fullness of joy; at your righthand  
are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:11

## Our Christian Response

### *Pray*

- For those being persecuted
- To resist temptations
- To be spiritually content
- For an increase in faith
- The Lord works through us

### *Support Our Neighbor*

- Love the sinner, hate the sin
- Elect Christians into positions of authority
- Financially aid church workers
- Share words of encouragement
- Mentor someone's Christian development

### *Thankful*

- For God's daily bread
- The Holy Spirit maintains faith
- The Lord provides a way out of temptation
- For the growth among the body of Christ
- For opportunities to share the Gospel

