

# THE CENTER OF MY STORY - PT 1

"Anchored In The Center" Pastor Rodney Carter April 28-29, 2019

Colossians 1:3-14

1. Anchored in faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV); Hebrews 11:6; Hebrews 11:1; Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV); Romans 10:17; James 1:2-8 (ESV); Job 42:5

2. Anchored in the Word.

Matthew 4:4 (ESV); John 17:17 (ESV); Colossians 3:16 (ESV); Hebrews 13:8; Isaiah 40:8

3. Anchored in joy.

Romans 15:13; Psalms 16:11 (ESV)

## **Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions**

#### **Celebrate and Care:**

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

## **Big Idea:**

Anchoring our lives in the center produces fruit and strength to endure what we will experience.

## Open Up:

Share some anchor stories – either personal or from a movie.

#### **Discuss:**

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- An anchor holds a ship centered despite weather and waves. What are some circumstances that our anchored faith can endure?
- ▶ How would our faith be different if we did not have God's Word?
- ▶ Read Hebrews 11:6. How does God reward those with faith?
- What are some experiences that lead people from the "growing faith" stage to the "knowing faith" stage?
- What is the difference between happiness and joy?

## **Engage:**

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Where is God asking you to "jump" and trust his voice in your life circumstances?

What would it take to move you more toward the center of the Potter's wheel?

#### Close together in prayer.