

My Life Is ...  
**This Life Is...**

## **VIDEO – LIFE**

### **BAND SINGS TO VIDEO**

THIS IS YOUR LIFE ARE YOU WHO YOU WANT TO BE.  
THIS IS YOUR LIFE IS IT EVERYTHING YOU DREAMED IT WOULD BE.

LIFE CAN START OFF SO FRESH AND MANY TIMES EXCITING

BUT IT CAN THROW A CURVE BALL AND IN ONE MOMENT OF TIME CHANGE EVERYTHING.

### **INTERVIEW 1 – DOUG**

PASTOR – ONE THING ABOUT LIVING LIFE “LIFE IS SHORT”

## **VIDEO – SHORT**

### **INTERVIEW 2 – BECKY FOREST**

PASTOR – “LIFE CAN BE UNFAIR”

## **VIDEO – UNFAIR**

### **INTERVIEW 3 – RYAN & BROOK**

PASTOR – “LIFE IS SWEET”

## **VIDEO – BITTERSWEET**

BUT SOONER OR LATER IT CAN BECOME BITTERSWEET

### **A. ISN'T LIFE SUPPOSE TO BE JOYFUL.**

1. GET MARRIED, LIVE A WONDERFUL LIFE NO PROBLEMS
2. LIFE CAN DEFINITELY TAKE DIFFERENT TURNS IN OUR LIVES THAT CAN LITERALLY SUCK THE JOY OF LIVING RIGHT OUT OF YOU.

**ILL: When I was a teen growing up there was a song the church would love to sing.**

**SONG: REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS AND AGAIN AND SAY REJOICE. (CLAP CLAP)**

**I would look over at one of the elderly ladies. Hands crippled up could barely stand up singing and clapping with all her might. Then I remember a young married singing – physically everything was normal about him. He would sing with the biggest smile and even get in your face as he was singing. The elderly lady kept strong through her affection of trials and eventually died to be with the lord. The young man had some hard aches come in his life and became angry left the church, divorced his wife, and let JACK DANIELS forget about his pain.**

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**A. WHEN HARDSHIPS COME I'VE LEARNED THERE'S TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE.**

1. Those that truly understand the Joy of the Lord and embrace what life throws at them **AND HANGS IN THERE.**
2. AND THOSE THAT **TURN AND QUIT.**

**James 1:2 (NIV)**

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds**

**B. WHAT ATTITUDE DOES GOD TELL US TO HAVE? JOY**

1. When were facing physical, emotion, mental, spiritual, pain in life God wants us to be JOYFUL.
2. **THAT IS THE MOST RIDICULOUS** thing anybody could ever say. The last thing that I want to do is be joyful.

**C. SO WHAT DO WE DO. WE HAVE TO TURN A SWITCH ON IN OUR THINKING - TO THINK LIKE GOD WOULD WANT US TO.**

1. HOW – BY KNOWING THAT TRIALS DEVELOPS PERSEVERANCE.

**James 1:3 (NIV)**

**because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.**

2. GOD WOULD NEVER WANT TO DEFEAT OR DISCOURAGE US. BUT HE KNOWS WHAT WE NEED, HE KNOWS WHAT WILL KEEP US STRONG.

**D. AS YOU READ THE WORD AND TIME HE GIVES US A TASK TO DO OR A DIRECTION TO GO. HE ALWAYS GIVES US A PROMISE.**

**James 1:4 (NIV)**

**Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

1. A WONDERFUL thing happens when a person hangs in there through the trials of life. They become a little bit more like Jesus. They go to the next level with God.
2. They have perfected their purpose for being on earth a little more.

**E. GOD HAS A TWOFOLD PURPOSE FOR EVERY BELIEVER:**

1. TO BECOME MORE AND MORE LIKE JESUS.
2. AND TO DO A SPECIFIC JOB WHILE ON EARTH.

**CONCLUSION:**