Micah 6: 6 to 10: 6 With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
The nature of authentic joy and the fullness of joy:

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV): 12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

James 1:2-5 (NIV) - Trials and Temptations: 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
Quote from Pastor Furtick – Flip The Flow part 2:

“Think of it this way: if convenience is your priority should, then my joy is tied to my convenience. If your priority is acceptance from others - then your joy will be controlled by their acceptance. This is very dangerous - what happens if the other person doesn’t even like themselves? How are they going to give you joy while they are fighting their own battles? If your priority is recognition, then your joy is tied to whether someone appreciates you are not.”

How has this thought leadership liberated you this week?
Quote from Pastor Furtick from Flip the Flow part 2:

“A temptation is something you should resist and a pattern you should avoid - to become aware of the self-sabotaging habits is good thing - whether in the form of an addiction or compulsion - this includes resisting 10,000 times until you see the one helpful ray of light pointing you toward victory. Yet when we face a trial, God offers, not a method of resistance, but acceptance. This is an important distinction because if we don’t understand the demonstrated temptation as a trial we will resist what we should accept and accept what we should resist. And we need the wisdom of God to know the difference - to access his spirit and seek the confirmation found only in community - to show us the difference between what we should resist and what we should accept.”

Question: When have you misunderstood a trial, fought hard to resist, and then realized the trial was a good think for you.
Kev’s eGroup study notes – 1/21/2019

Two great reads – both optional

New York Times Bestseller and Amazing True Story
same kind of different As me.

Ron Hall & Denver Moore
With Lynn Vincent

STAKES IS HIGH

RACE, FAITH, AND HOPE FOR AMERICA

MICHAEL W. WATERS
FOREWORD BY VASHTI MURPHY MCKENZIE
Quote from Charles Spurgeon: “Abel fell and sprinkled his altar and sacrifice with his own blood, and therein sets forth the Lord Jesus slain by the enmity of man while serving as a priest before the Lord. “The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” 1 Let us weep over Him as we view Him slain by the hatred of mankind, staining the horns of His altar with His own blood. Abel’s blood speaks. “And the LORD said, ‘What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground.’” 2 The blood of Jesus has a mighty tongue, and the import of its prevailing cry is not vengeance but mercy.”
Quote from Michael A. Waters: “One of the first lessons given a beginning swimmer is not to drink the water. Drinking pool water will make you sick. The same is true for those who continue to drink from the long polluted pools of racism and xenophobia. Without question, the videos of the incident in McKinney show that those who have drunk their fill of the pool are now inebriated with the fear of others, and stumble and fumble through life, placing our safety and security at risk”
Key points from Pastor Furtick’s Sermon “It’s In Your Hands” 6/20/2015:

- Many issues have roots and we have a part to play to remove systemic racism.
- What are we handing down? Is it a good gift?
- The essence of the gospel is acceptance and good news. The operative word is come as you are.
- What is not healed gets handed down.
- If we do not seize this as an opportunity for change, we are not a church; we are merely a pep rally.
- What you deny divides even more.
- My Dad tore down what he was handed down.
- Do we radiate life? Do we radiate acceptance?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMB OXKCKgU8&t=1818s

21 year old - Church shooter Dylann Roof

Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Back up Stuff
1/6/2019 Redeemer Church in NYC
Dr. Tim Keller
Sermon Title: “The Justice of God”

Youtube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8Fn4vTTXHM
Psalm 146: 1-10: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. 2 I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. 4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. 6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever. 7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, 8 the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. 9 The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. 10 The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Thoughts by Tim Keller:

• It is an important theme what is it mean to do justice = to give people there do.
• To give people there do out essentially there’s two parts to that there’s two ways of giving people that do
• One part is negative - when people are doing something wrong you to stop them and to stop them and to capture them and to punish them.
• But justice has another side it’s not just doing justice is not just simply punishing those who wrong people
• Doing justice also means to give the oppressed and the weak and the vulnerable. See Proverbs 31 nine says defend the rights of the poor and needy
• When you ignore the needs of the widow and the orphan - when you ignore their needs and you just don’t take care of them - you just don’t notice them.
• The lack of charity in the Bible = a lack of justice
Closing prayer by Pastor Furtick: This is your year to flip it. Over the course of the next several weeks will be talking about very practical things.

I’m in a sanitized my heart by being in the presence of God with other people and really letting God’s word cleanse me.

We thank you today for Jesus Christ to came to earth to flip it. We thank you today that he who knew no sin became sin that we might become the righteousness of God.

Thank you for sending your word to us for a new year we thank you for the flow of your word in this place today I pray now that it would accomplish in our lives great harvest of righteousness for those who have been entrusted by your love.