



**Sermon: I Didn't Do It! | By Josh CARTER | August 14, 2016**

## **INTRODUCTION**

We don't get to choose the life we are born into. Even while living life, we don't get to choose the various setbacks that impact us. We do however, choose some items that generate a negative outcome. In each traumatic event **Christ can change our circumstances**. Consider this while discussing the following questions.

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, open our eyes to the circumstance we find ourselves in. Please come and change our circumstances tonight. May we choose to resolve our situations Your way. Amen.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:** *The focus for this discussion is to see how Christ can change our circumstance if we will choose His method resolution over our own.*

1. What are some circumstances people are born into, or go through, that they do not choose?
2. Josh told us praying, reading the Bible and fasting is like "ice deposits" to God in which He will turn to water. Meaning our deposits with God will be used to change our circumstances. Do you believe this? Explain why or why not.
3. Josh explained when we choose to resolve issues "our way" we often experience compounded setbacks. Can seeking to resolve issues God's way help **avoid** negative outcomes? Explain your answer.
4. Josh explained that God's way sometimes results in a delayed response to our need. Is this slow response good for our wellbeing? Explain why or why not.
5. Have you witnessed someone's circumstance change through God? Please share with the group.

## **THINKING FORWARD**

We will suffer through unfortunate circumstances. In these times, before reacting consider the source of our strength. Remember that only Christ can change our circumstances. Choose to change your situation with God rather than just altering it your own way. Continue to pray, read your Bible and fast. Jesus will use these deposits to change your circumstance.

## **VERSE TO GO**

*By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.*  
**(Acts 3:16)**

**PRAYER:** Lord, help us remember through our trial that You are still in control. May we put our faith in You, and serve You through our storm. Amen.