



Sunday Series
Sep-Oct 2022:

Life Assurance

St John's
Community
Church

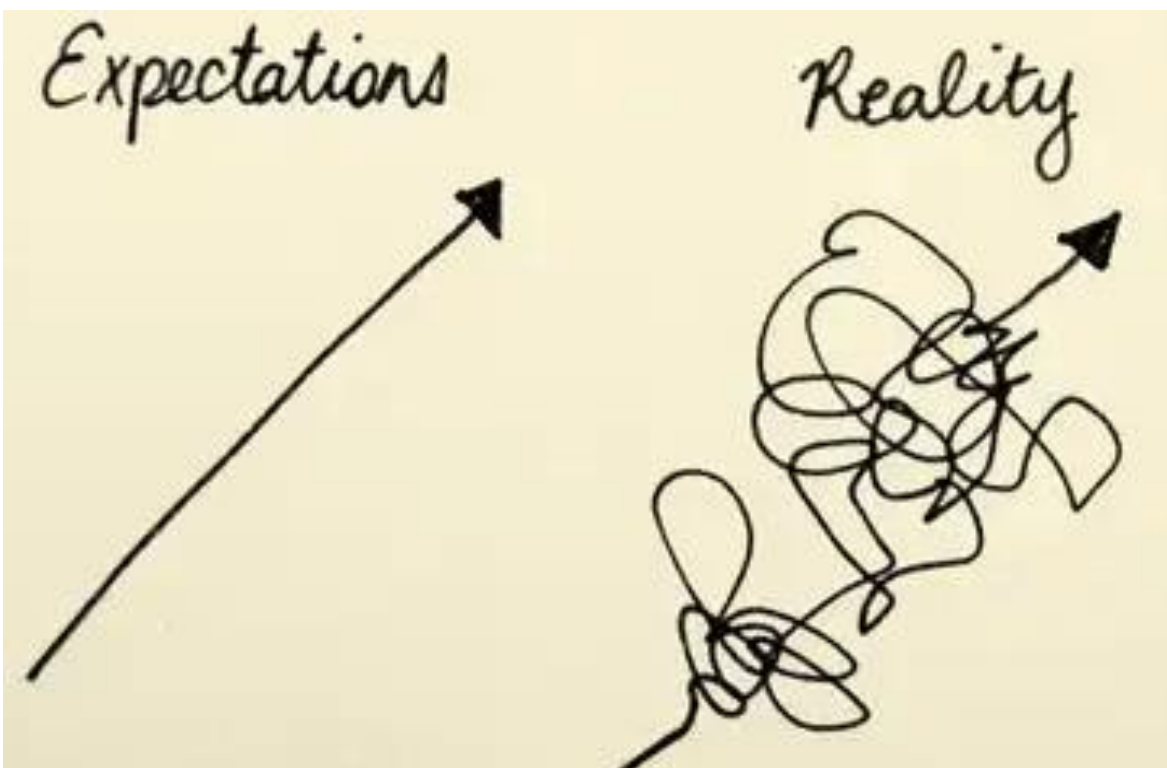
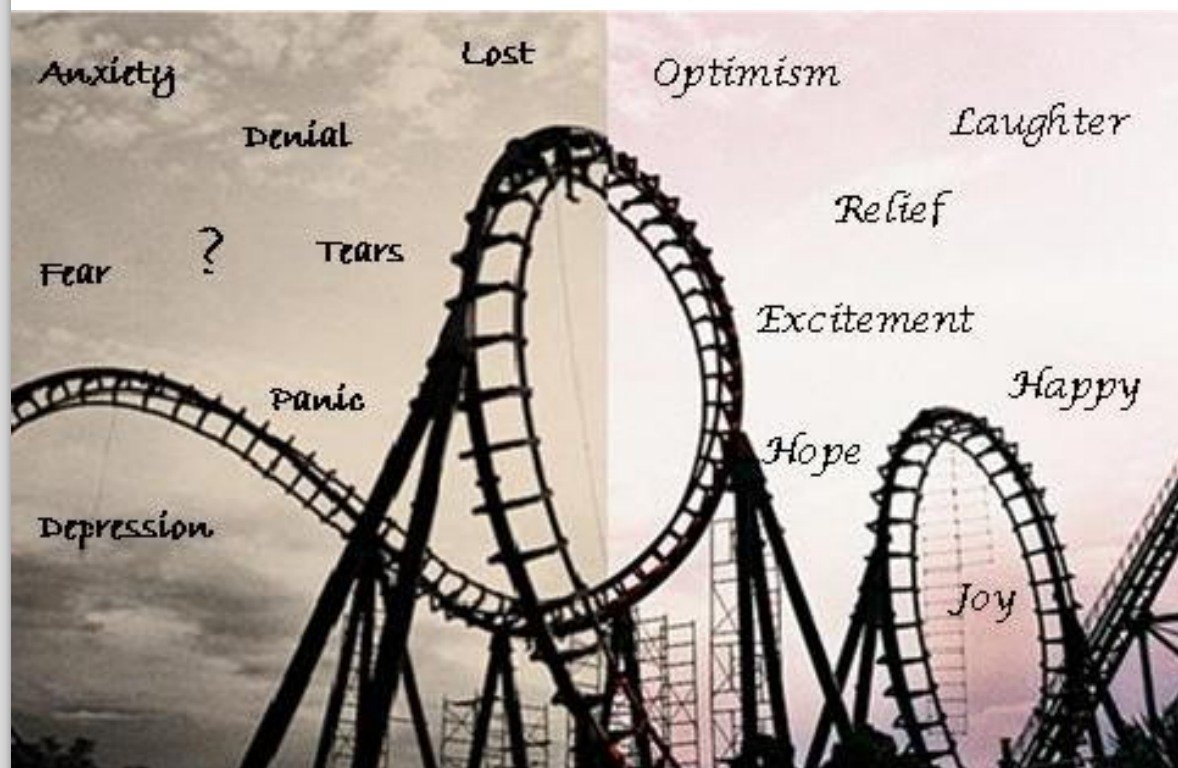


**How are you
today?**



Life's Expectations

- ✓ Grow up in a nice family
- ✓ Go to a good school and pass exams
- ✓ Do more training (university) and get a well-paid job
- ✓ Make friends and marry someone
- ✓ Keep fit and healthy
- ✓ Have a nice house and garden
- ✓ Go on holidays abroad
- ✓ Have a nice car
- ✓ Buy lots of nice things
- ✓ Then retire, travel the world and have fun!



Cost of living crisis

citizens
advice

One in ten families - equivalent
to **3.2 million households** - are
facing financial crisis this winter

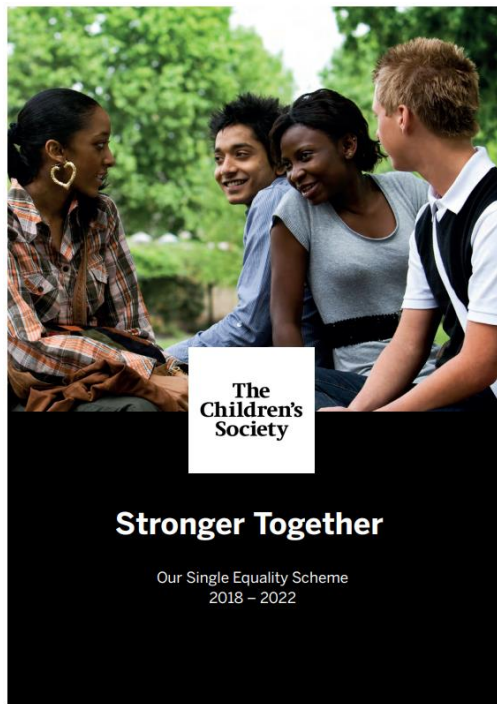
In February 2021, there were more than 2,200 food banks in the UK according to research shared by Parliament, while there are approximately 1,300 McDonald's restaurants in Britain, according to the international chain.





Cost of living

As expected, the current cost of living crisis is having a significant effect on families, with 85% of parents and carers surveyed in 2022 saying they are concerned about how it will affect their families in the next year, especially as over a third of parents and carers reported they already struggled with costs of school trips and uniform over the last year.



**1 in 8 children
were unhappy with school
1 in 9 children
have low well-being**



School

More children (aged 10 to 17) are unhappy with school than with the other aspects of life they are asked about.

We found that happiness with school and schoolwork declines significantly with age, and is far lower among children in lower income households.

The Government must take accountability for children's unhappiness with school with children and young people at the centre of all proposed reforms.

















False Glory and False Friends

Does 'wealthy' mean 'wise' and 'free'?

Does 'poor' mean 'foolish' and 'enslaved'?

That is what the world imagines.

It thinks wealth brings glory, honour and cheer.

It thinks wealth brings friends flocking to the door.

But is such glory truly glorious?

Are such friends truly friendly?

Does 'wealthy' mean 'foolish' and 'enslaved'?

Does 'poor' mean 'wise' and 'free'?

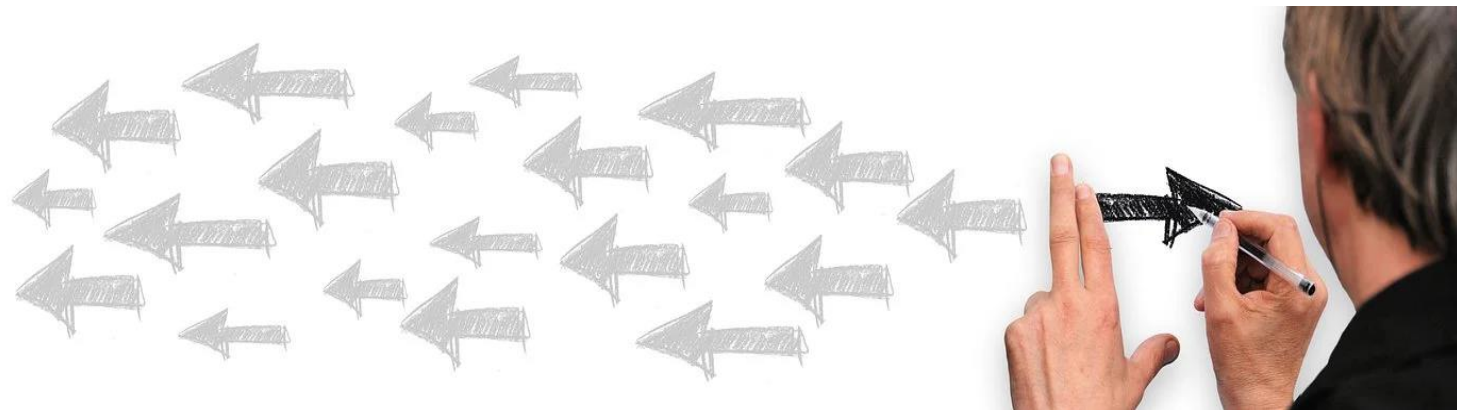
That is what the gospel teaches.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a grey button-down shirt and dark blue jeans, is standing on a grassy hill. She is leaning forward, pulling a large, dark, textured rock up the hill with a chain. The rock is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the chain extends from it towards the woman on the right. The hill is covered in green grass, and the background shows a cloudy sky. The text "Uphill all the way?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Uphill all the way?







A photograph of a dirt path or road, slightly out of focus, with a dense forest in the background. The path is covered in brown leaves and soil. The text is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

I'M NO LONGER A
SLAVE TO FEAR
I AM A CHILD OF GOD