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Interview [Joy] Transcript

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Interviewer 1 0:06 Alright, welcome Joy, and thank you for agreeing to meet with us and participating in our study. Do you agree to have this interview be recorded and transcribed?

[Joy] 0:20 Yes.

Interviewer 1 0:22 Thank you. We're going to begin the interview by asking, **what have been your emotional and spiritual challenges in Christian ministry?**

[Joy] 0:36

BLESSED—None.

TIME—Yeah, I've been in ministry since I graduated from college. So a pretty long time at this point and.

BLESSED—I would say there have been high highs and low lows I've been so blessed to see the Lord at work not only in this country but throughout the world. But.

CONCERN—I think maybe one of the most. Unexpected hardships has been what my husband and I refer to as friendly fire. So hardships from people that we thought were with us or, within our church on our missions team, you know people that we saw as partners, partners in gospel work that. Some of those relationships have been extremely painful and very lonely to navigate in Christian ministry.

Interviewer 1 1:45 Would you mind providing an example of one or two of those experiences that you're talking about?

[Joy] 1:52

Blessed—Yeah, it's really interesting actually just now right before this, I was in a Bible study outdoor Bible study with some friends, and we were talking about the topic of. The the

leader of the group asked. What's 1 attribute that of God? That's meant something to you recently. And the first thing that popped into my head was a strong tower city of refuge. The righteous run in. And they are safe. Not that we're without sin. You know, we have our own issues. But but because of Christ, we have a safe space, you know, hidden. We're protected from the accusations of others.

CONCERN—And I thought about sharing that out loud and then it felt a little bit too exposing. I'm a pastor's wife and it felt like. A lot of them don't know what I navigate, but as I'm thinking and processing...

BLESSED—I decided to say instead the kindness of God. Because often. What? What I think I want is not often what comes my way, but in hindsight I can reflect and see that even the hard things are the other kindness of God.

Concern—And as I'm sharing that someone walks across outside. Clearly is unhappy to see me. That's left our church about five years ago. Like I could see it on her face, and I thought. I didn't even know. I don't know why she's upset. I don't know. You know what it is? That she's still holding on to. But you know I'm in the business of reading faces. You know, I can be wrong, but I can tell she was impacted to see me. And just the complexity of navigating. Here I am with a group of people I can't share that God is meeting me even before I see her.

BLESSED—You know, in the in the beauty of his character. Like you're safe. I've got you. You know, I see your walk across and then what I'm saying out loud is the kindness of God for so for some reason. And his sovereignty and his kindness. He's allowed this to happen. At that moment, you know, so the complexity of dealing with this. Ever evolving story. Is just. That's just been so normal in my experience, and I think with that comes a bit of loneliness like. I.

CONCERN—I don't feel like it's right to tell those people I'm in the group with in that moment. You know that I'm that. I'm dealing with this I seeing her. And so that feels a bit lonely.

BLESSED—At the same time, I just, I see. That the Lord was looking out for me in the whole way that that story unfolded. Stomach.

Interviewer 1 4:46 There is a lot of complexity, and nuances, and you're holding much of this together inside you, that only you and the Lord know.

[Joy] 4:50 Yeah.

Interviewer 1 5:00 And it seems there's not a lot of opportunity to talk about it. Earlier when you were talking, it sounded as if there has been maybe some feelings of betrayal or experiences of relationship betrayal, if you will. In those lows and some of those struggles, is there a situation or example that you would be willing to share about that?

[Joy] 5:40

CONCERN—Yeah. Yeah, I there's been a lot of them. Some of the more painful ones are people that you know you kind of. You live a little bit protected. You don't let that many people in to experience the deep things with you.

APPREHENSION—You know you love people at A at level, but there are people, of course, that you do let in 'cause that's healthy human relationships, but.

CONCERN—A friend of mine that I let in you know, we did life together. We raised our kids. Together. The last couple years, it's just things have got worse and worse. There are some discrepancies. You know, there were discrepancies in in the world about the way people handled COVID, but she she was really offended by the way we personally handled it with our kids. And I don't think she quite ever recovered from that.

LED BY GOD—But more recently, she. 'S been a a relationship that. We had to speak truth to her about. Which was really difficult but just felt like that the Lord was calling us to do that. She had been in a leadership position in our church and so was held to a bit of a higher standard. I had to talk to her about that.

CONCERN—But then after that she spread a lot of things that weren't true to other people. They're a big, big ripple effect and I would hear bits of the story from people that seemed really confused and they would tell me things that she said or that somebody else said that she said that we said. So this is not even. It's like third and I I couldn't. You know it. It wasn't true. You know, I had been there. I. I sat there on the couch next to my husband and the things were not true. And to know, you know, she at one point had been one of the closest

people to us and. Now, not only is she betraying us, but her words are impacting other people. And there's a huge ripple effect and there's a lot of stories out there that aren't true. And again, we're not without fault. But I don't know what it is about. People just love to repeat things and share stories, and and we don't feel like it's our our place to defend ourselves or to tell other people about. This person's story, you know? So in some ways, we're accused. We're being accused of a scandal when in fact, the things that she was involved with were the things that were scandalous, and we can't, you know,

BLESSED—we keep our mouth shut and just bring it to the Lord.

Interviewer 1 8:37 There are personal relationships, doing life together, and professional relationship as well. So having both a personal and a professional together, and then having to make difficult decisions professionally that then impacted or perhaps even fracture the personal relationship. Is that it?

[Joy] 9:13

CONCERN—That's exactly right, yes.

Interviewer 1 9:21 How do you or what is your way of caring for yourself during those low times or experiencing an attack, if you will.

[Joy] 9:43

BLESSED—Yeah, I think I'm really blessed for one. I have a great husband, but I think that the Lord has brought us closer together through hardship. That's not always the case. So I'm very thankful for that. And then I have a group of about 10 women. So all of us have been kind of journeying together for. Numerous years. Some for, you know, 15 years. And we get together once a year. We're we've all been in full time ministry. Most of us are church planting wives, so there's a a even more kind of strange some strange dynamics that come with that call. So there's a level of understanding and of mutual trust. So yeah, I can. I can text them anything. They're all over the country. They're none of them are. There's one who's local. I know I'll be prayed for. And then I won't be judged even if I don't say it quite right over text message or, you know, whatever it is like there's. And I I get to watch the different personalities comfort me like some of them are just hilarious and say ridiculous things, you know, just. To make me laugh. And some of them are just so quick to point me to the gospel and to Jesus, you know, and others are like. I know, just like, cry with me. Like,

weep with me because I understand. And so having that group has it saved me. I mean, I don't think I would still be in ministry without those women.

Interviewer 1 11:28 And they are also in ministry?

[Joy] 11:34 Mm hmm.

Interviewer 1 11:34 So in some way, it sounds like it's a peer group. And I'm curious whether any of them are in a direct hierarchical professional relationship with you? This is related to having both a personal and a professional relationship working with you in your or their ministry.

[Joy] 12:00

BLESSED—Well, there is some crossover. So two of them I would say are mentors that have become more peers over time. That I used to work for.

Interviewer 1 12:11 OK.

[Joy] 12:11

BLESSED—So we off. Mentored and trained by an organization and then we formed a group. Where you know. So now we're more peers. Sometimes we work together. We'll lead trainings together. It's more rare now than it used to be. But we're all. We're all still kinda doing similar work across different spaces now that makes sense.

Interviewer 1 12:38 OK. And so there were some professional relationships that were mentoring professionally that have become personal, sustained over time and successful.

[Joy] 12:47 Mm hmm. Yes.

Interviewer 1 12:52 So risk was taken in those relationships and they were fruitful.

[Joy] 13:00 Yes, yes.

Interviewer 1 13:06 So then I'm curious about when you first went into ministry, if there were expectations of that kind of relationship? If you could speak to what that word, "expectations" might mean to you in relation to the work that you do in and ministry?

[Joy] 13:32

CURIOUS TO UNDERSTAND—So do you mean expectations regarding like the mentoring relationships or just ministry in general?

Interviewer 1 13:38 Well it could be any expectations. We could begin with expectations of what relationships would be like in ministry.

[Joy] 13:44

OPTIMISM—OK, OK. Yeah. So I grew up in a really large church and in some ways was mentored by the senior pastor's wife. And my perception of her was that everyone loved her and her husband.

CONCERN—I think now, you know, as an adult. I think I was a bit wrong in that, you know, there were there are things going on. Didn't understand a lot of complex things, but at the time I I think in some like immature version of myself I thought.

OPTIMISM—This was a job where people just love you, you know.

CONCERN—And I think going in with that expectation, I think it it a bit it it rocked my world. To see like the conflict and misunderstanding. And you know, mixed in with some of my own, like over desires for wanting to be loved and accepted. As as Ben been a bit of a rocky ride to understand the reality of what Ministry actually is versus what I expect it would. Would be like.

Interviewer 1 15:00 Another topic that this brings up are boundaries within relationships. You have been in ministry for a couple of decades. So over that time, what have your boundaries looked like and have they changed?

[Joy] 15:30

OPTIMISTIC—Yeah, I think so. We've we've done a lot of different things. First, we're on the mission field and then we were home in seminary, and now we're church planting or not anymore. Now my husband's a senior pastor and I have an outside job of working for another organization that mentors and comes alongside women in ministry. So there's a lot of different. Boundary kind of things I've navigated, I guess. But I'll just speak to the local church. Maybe that would be easier. Frame it around. But I think when we came into church planting, I thought, you know, I'd heard the statistic or the the advice. That is, you know, sometimes it's wise to not have your closest friends be in the church. And as a pastor's wife and I was like, well, I'm. I'm against that. You know, I'm going to figure out how to do this and you know, again a little bit naively went into that and really gave my everything, you know, to the church.

CONCERN—But. The the amount of people coming and going, the amount of opinions and people that leave angry, you know, over time my boundaries have changed as far as what I

let people in some of the things when my kids were young, you know, I would share just like any. Mom, about things. They are struggling with but then there were times when I saw people use that against us later on. And like over parent, my kids and way things I'd shared about them or treat them differently in different circumstances.

APPREHENSION—And so I started realizing to protect my kids. This you know, I need to have people I can talk to about these things, but I have to be wise, who I share my kids struggles with and their stories of what they're going through. To a different level. They are same with our marriage,...

CONCERN—...like people could use that would use it sometimes to come against my husband. If I had shared anything personal about him and so. I. I don't like being guarded. I don't like. I don't like when people ask, you know, what can I pray for you, for having to think, sift through and think about the 12th most important prayer request I can share instead of the top one or two.

BLESSED—But I've learned over time that that's there's some wisdom in. That and I have my women, you know, have my 10 women outside of my my place that I can share brutally, honestly, with about anything.

CONCERN—But inside. I've had to. I've had to put up some boundaries. Especially I would say for the sake of our kids would be the number one.

Interviewer 1 18:38 I'm curious if you or anybody in your family have experienced mental health challenges?

[Joy] 18:52

CONCERN—Yes, my oldest son has definitely had some mental health challenges. He had. A. Some, like a traumatic brain disorder or like injury he had. He was injured actually in the church at a youth event which has lots of complicating factors associated with it, but after that had some some seasons which also coincided with this whole global pandemic and. At home learning and it's so hard to know like what is the brain? What is? You know, where do you do you where it out? I had to. I had to navigate that one for sure.

BLESSED—He's by God's grace doing much better now, but yeah.

Interviewer 1 19:47 What are the things that you think we should know. Are there are questions we haven't asked related to challenges that you've experienced in Christian ministry?

[Joy] 20:07

CURIOUS TO UNDERSTAND—Yeah. Well, I mean one thing. I'm curious about that. You guys probably know a whole lot more about than I do. If I had time to just ask you guys a question, what I would ask would be along the lines of. How people transfer like traumatic things that they've experienced onto leaders. You know it. It just seems like sometimes the stuff that comes out at us is not really about us, you know, like it. It seems like there's more going on here. And so trying to learn how to differentiate between like their experience, their unprocessed trauma, how it's coming out on us, having to learn. In real time like. To to to kind of emotionally separate myself and think this is not the response is not matching with what's happened. You know, so that's more of a. I don't think I'm, like, landed in any helpful place to offer that help to other people, but that that's something I'm super curious about knowing more about.

Interviewer 1 21:24 It seems that in your time of ministry, you've experienced some people's disproportionate reactions to certain situations. And it seems to you that maybe that person projected things on to you and other leaders in the church that really don't belong there. Maybe there are unresolved things within the person. And you're recognizing that it doesn't make sense to the to the situation, so you're experiencing the ways that other people's mental health challenges impact leaders in the church.

[Joy] 22:17

CONCERN—Yeah. I think there's also been a couple of times where women have become attached to my husband in an unhealthy way, which has been another complex factor to figure out, you know, like.

BLESSED—I've again, by God's Grace, I feel like he has been able to appropriately, you know, share with me, bring other people in that kind of thing,...

CONCERN—...but. I think the that it can be dangerous is I also feel strongly that you know, the church is more than half women, so. I want him to continue to menstruate.

APREHENSIVE—Women, you know, but figuring out the complexities about that and what to do when those situations arise has been challenging for us.

Interviewer 1 23:17 Wondering [Interviewer 2], if you have some additional follow up questions?

Interviewer 2 23:25 Yeah. You know, [Joy], Thank you for sharing. I'm wondering as I'm listening and hearing some of the challenges you talked about and you talked about ministering in even different contexts, I wonder if these challenges are different in one context than the other or over the years, have the challenges been very similar in various contexts?

[Joy] 23:59

OPTIMISTIC—So in our early 20s, we're on the mission field and we worked with college students. So that felt really different in that we were. We had a very specific group of people we were working with, so the challenges there were much more focused on cross cultural living, learning a language functioning in the second language in ministry like there are hard things there, spiritual warfare. Team conflict, we're all super stressed in our 20s living, living abroad. I think. So friendship wasn't a really a problem there because we were all around the same age. We sometimes we argued or whatever, but like it was more like a family. Like we stuck together. I think coming into the church setting. We went from being on a team where we're all have a a set job to working with volunteers so that that was a new challenge, like people's bandwidth, people's time. And we're working with people across. Generations, so multiple generations. Much more complex. Trying to start something like a a start up with church planning. It's like a start up business. You know it's the amount of work, the amount of expectations on us it I think we went into church planning a bit naively because we lived cross culturally and done something really hard in our 20s. We kind of thought, oh, we can plan a church in in the US.

APPREHENSION—You know, it's just ridiculous. It was. It's it's been much more challenging. Plant church in the US and it wants to live cross culturally.

BLESSED—I think 1 similar thing theme for me has been. So my husband is a a really he's a pretty strong leader. He's very extroverted and...

CONCERN—...I'm a little more. You know a bit behind the scenes kind of person.

APPREHENSION—I've I've had a hard time. I would say until the last maybe. Five years figuring out what my place was. Because a pastor's wife is not really a job, but it is a job, you

know. It's like one of those weird things where there's a lot of expectations. People have expectations of you. You have your own expectations of yourself that you're not. You're always navigating.

CONCERN—Like what am I supposed to do? Like I don't have a job description, but I clearly know when I'm letting people down. Like they let me know. You know where I've crossed some boundary.

APPREHENSION—Also, I had leadership gifts and in a space where there weren't. That many spaces for women to serve. Sometimes I would pull back. Because I would think, well, if I'm here, even though I know how to do this. And maybe I'm the more gifted person in the room to do this. If I take the spot, it's like too much of our family, you know, like too many voices on the same family. So I often just wondered like what's my space? Like how can I use my gifts? Where can I serve? And I I had, I worked for our church multiple different times in different capacities, mostly interim. You know one to two year kind of positions.

OPTIMISM—But now I have a a job outside our church and it's, I would say I have been able to grow and thrive in this space better than I've ever been able to inside the church.

APPREHENSION—And I I'm part partly feel bad about that because I feel like I. Not giving to our church what I could, but I've just tried for so many years to figure it out and could never quite couldn't quite figure it out.

OPTIMISM—And I I'm connected to enough women who are pastors wives to have the same story, to know that that's not a a unique to me, kind of a thing.

Interviewer 2 28:26 It sounds like it's something there that maybe you wrestle with at various times.

[Joy] 28:29

APPREHENSION—Mm hmm. Yeah, I do.

Interviewer 2 28:32 In that space. I wonder you're talking about kind of different challenges that have been there? How have these things impacted you spiritually?

[Joy] 28:48

BLESSED—I mean, they're there. Definitely have been dry seasons, but I would say overall like if I were to just look back on my life and ministry, I do think I know Jesus more because

of what I've been through. You know, like in small ways I can identify with the suffering of Christ because of some of the stuff I've dealt with. I think betrayal, loneliness. Being falsely accused, things like that. Have been something that I feel like I've I've understand stood more about Jesus love for me as I've endured.

CONCERN—Also think it it's just like. I'm living in a war like I have. No, I don't. I haven't had very many seasons where things are just good and normal, you know, and while on one side that you know, I think that's probably impacted me psychologically in some ways, maybe I don't fully know all of that yet.

BLESSED—I think spiritually the Lord has been so. Near and it's it's. I walk with the Lord has been a I've needed it to survive.

CURIOUS TO UNDERSTAND—But I wonder if I hadn't been through some of these hard things, if I wouldn't have gone as deep in my relationship with Christ, especially my my prayer life has become like a way to survive so.

Interviewer 2 30:18 Sounds like there's those hard spaces you use those kind of as places to step in and grow and lean into God.

[Joy] 30:29 Mm hmm.

Interviewer 2 30:30 Thank you for sharing that. [Interviewer 1], I don't know that I have another question or any follow up at this point unless you do.

Interviewer 1 30:42 Thinking about the ministry leader role of pastor's wife, and that it is undefined. So in some way, it's left to the individual, to understand what the expectations are of the place that they're in and to see if they fit. It's so nebulous. It's an elusive and yet prominent and visible leadership job. It's a leadership position, living in a glass house. I have empathy for that role. The description that you have of that space and finding a place to belong. You were talking about figuring out your place and I hear sadness. I also hear there hasn't been much thriving in that role. You found a place now where you're thriving and the sadness of it not being alongside or contributing to the church that you're in with your husband who is the pastor. I also heard you talk about holding back and I was curious about when did that begin for you?

[Joy] 32:38

CURIOUS TO UNDERSTAND—And the holding back of myself to other people.

Interviewer 1 32:43 Yes and the holding back of your gifts, of your gifting.

[Joy] 32:54

OPTIMISM—Yeah, so I tried really hard in our church. I I was an interim children's director. I was interim women's director. I was over refugee resettlement ministry. You know, all of these things. But I think the closest gifting would have been the women's director and I served in that for close to two years. But again, it was during it was through the pandemic. And I was interested. In taking that job more full time,...

APPREHENSION—...but I also couldn't get to the end of like I had too much in my head of are there gonna be too many people that think I just have this job because of my who my husband is like, can people even? See me for being gifted in this space. And some people could, but a lot of people couldn't. And.

CONCERN—So I think that for me that was the last time and I told my husband I said at when I when I stepped down from that position, I said I'm sad because I think this is the last time I'm going to do this. And. I think. I mean we I in pulling back.

BLESSED—I have seen some women step into that role and thrive in some really beautiful ways,...

OPTIMISM—...but. I I've had several friends who are pastors, wives who have tried to do this, that have similar gifting to me, and only two of them have been successful in it...

CONCERN—...and both of them have just gone through so much suffering. To make it work. So much criticism. So much people think you know misunderstanding, thinking that they weren't gifted, you know.

OPTIMISM—And so at the end of the day, I I really think. Using this other path has been. Has been a good path for me and for my emotional health.

APPREHENSION—But yeah, I I think that the holding back started when I just I was finally in a spot where I was like, I actually think I could be good at this, you know and. Just starting to sense and feel the I might be good at this, but it's not gonna be a peaceful ride. And maybe it's not the best even for our church. Like I don't know if they can get past it.

Interviewer 1 35:32 So when you first got into ministry with the college students, you were not holding back then is that it?

[Joy] 35:41

OPTIMISM—I don't think so, no. Yeah.

Interviewer 1 35:43 Mm hmm. So then then in your next assignment or your next calling, were you holding back there?

[Joy] 35:57

OPTIMISM—So the next thing we did was seminary and we, you know, had a lot of small groups in our house. I was actually my husband was working at a church plant part time and I worked with the children's ministry there. So we we plugged ourselves in kind of went went for it there as well. I would say in the early years of our church plan I.

Interviewer 1 36:11 Mm hmm.

[Joy] 36:16

OPTIMISM—Was full force and you know, maybe even to an unhealthy standpoint 'cause I had small children, you know.

Interviewer 1 36:18 Hmm.

[Joy] 36:24

APPREHENSION—So but it just came over time, I think with experiencing more and more criticism of my husband, which? I also internalize.

Interviewer 1 36:34 Mm hmm.

[Joy] 36:34

CONCERN—You just start feeling like I don't know if this is the safest space you know, and I I keep asking that question over and over and over until I was like I can't. I can't do this anymore to the same degree that I used to.

Interviewer 1 36:51 That sounds similar to sedimentary rock, where it builds up a little bit over time and yet become more and more and more and solidified. And then just finally, for your health, like as you said for my health, I can't do this anymore.

[Joy] 37:07 Mm hmm.

Interviewer 1 37:08 And so then to circle back to the emotional piece, the emotional holding back then, was that a similar process or was that different?

[Joy] 37:24

CONCERN—I think emotionally I started holding back earlier I we were. Maybe year two of our church plant when things started getting rocky for the first time and I started realizing, oh,

this is this is challenging. You know, our when our parenting was criticized super early. In kind of unfairly was the first big hit for me of starting to like, oh, I need to be careful about what I share.

PROTECTOR—I care way more about my kids and how they turn out than I do about what we're trying to do here and I, you know, I'm gonna protect them. 1st.

Interviewer 1 38:23 The other thing that keeps coming up is the idea you led the interview with and that is that Jesus is your sanctuary. The way that it sounds is that through your time in ministry, you've developed your spiritual life and your prayer life. When you are in a situation such as what you shared happened today, all of a sudden there's a jolt of, I don't know what to identify it as, but it's something where there's a negative shift. And what you do in those moments is to seek spiritual sanctuary.

[Joy] 39:19 Mm hmm mm hmm.

Interviewer 1 39:21 Because whatever that feeling was you had when reading that woman's face, you had an uncomfortable feeling. And then you turn to Jesus in those moments.

[Joy] 39:31 Yeah.

Interviewer 1 39:32 And He is your sanctuary for those things that are hurtful.

[Joy] 39:40 Yes.

Interviewer 1 39:40 And he is readily available right now, every day, every moment. And that is the strongest most consistent coping with the challenges of ministry that you have talked about today.

[Joy] 39:53

BLESSED—That is how I stay in it is my relationship with Christ. And there's no way I could. No way I could withstand what we've been through without that. And I think with these, I call them gospel singers, people that can sing the gospel to me when I can't hear it.

Interviewer 1 40:03 Mm hmm.

[Joy] 40:10

BLESSED—You know these women. Can speak truth to me. Remind me of what's true when I'm doubting, or at the lowest.

Interviewer 1 40:32 We really appreciate your time and talking with us today. I don't want to close if there's something more.

[Joy] 40:55

OPTIMISM—Yeah. Thank you for what you're doing. I'm excited to just see how it pans out. I appreciate your time and you know this is not only my experience, but it's what I do now as I

help. Be healthy, you know. Help to get them tools in a safe place to process. Who are pastors, wives, church planners, wives. Those is not only my store, but it's also it's my passion. So. I haven't shared anything about.

Interviewer 1 41:24 Mm hmm.

[Joy] 41:26

APPREHENSION—Stories of other people, but. I guess one other thought it's it's complex 'cause I still am in it. You know? So sometimes I'm triggered by the stories other people share. 'Cause, they're so close to what I have dealt with. And. So I think sometimes I've made my life even more challenging with the call that I've accept,...

BLESSED—...but I do feel like the world me to it. And so, you know, I'm continue on.

APPREHEENSION—But yeah, it's it's. AI. Think there needs to be more sad about it because it's one of those very strange. Roles you can't quite understand until unless you've loved it, you know or walked alongside with somebody who's living it.

Interviewer 1 42:18 Mm hmm mm hmm.

[Joy] 42:19 So.

Interviewer 1 42:21 And so, even though it's painful to do sometimes, you continue to do it. To help others is a strong call on your on your life right now. You are able to manage those triggers or those ways in which it becomes painful for you. You can then help them because you have experienced it or something similar.

[Joy] 42:49

BLESSED—Yes, yes. Yeah. And I think I have seen. I think my life has been changed by just this deeper gospel understanding in the midst of hard things and I, and I've seen women's lives be changed. Like to understand the gospel in a more profound personal way. So that part of it is very rewarding.

Interviewer 1 43:16 We appreciate your contributions to this study. What we're going to do is transcribe and code each of the interviews, and then, we're going to develop some follow up questions and a follow up interview to see if any of the themes resonate with you.

[Joy] 43:55 Right. OK.

Interviewer 2 43:59 Alright, thank you [Joy]

Interviewer 1 43:59 I'm going to turn off the recording now.

<Interviewer 1 stopped transcription>