

**Tom & Josie Shaw's California Story ~ Growth Group notes**  
**23/04/17**

(Ephesians 1.3-6)

1. What struck you most from Tom and Josie's story on Sunday?
2. Read the verses again that Tom started from:
  - Is the fact that you were chosen before you were born something you've found easy to accept?
  - How does that affect your identity, your security?
  - Are these things that you struggle with in your everyday life (self-worth etc) and if so, what might this passage teach you?
3. Tom then related this truth to the fact that God has very specific plans for each of us, before describing what that's looked like for them as a family.
  - Share stories of how God has guided you, or is guiding you today.
  - Pray for each other, seeking Holy Spirit's help: for encouragement and for further guidance.