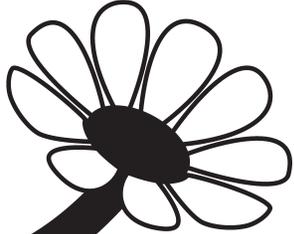


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**THE
HOPE
EXPERIENCE**
50 DAYS OF HOPE

WEEK 1

OVERFLOWING WITH HOPE

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“MAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF AND GOD OUR FATHER, WHO LOVED US AND BY HIS GRACE GAVE US ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND **GOOD HOPE**, ENCOURAGE YOUR HEARTS AND STRENGTHEN YOU IN EVERY GOOD DEED AND WORD.”
2 Thessalonians 2:15-17

What is “hope”?

The confident assurance that _____ is yet to come!

Why is hope important?

- Hope means I have something to live for
- Hope pulls me into the future
- Hope is essential for survival

Lasting hope is...

- Not _____
- Not _____
- Lasting hope is the result of a biblical _____

What God wants us to know about hope

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- AS GOD CREATED THE WORLD, IT WAS PERFECT AND GOOD (*Genesis 1:31*)
- BECAUSE OF HUMAN SIN, NATURE ITSELF WAS ALTERED — WE LIVE IN FALLOUT FROM A “SIN BOMB”! (*Romans 5:12, 8:20*)
- PLUS, WE ALL MAKE DESTRUCTIVE CHOICES (*Romans 3:23*)

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The Bible is the story of God’s cure for our world’s brokenness:

- _____ of my sin
“...WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST...”
Romans 5:1b
- _____ of the whole world
“...THE CREATION ITSELF WILL BE LIBERATED FROM ITS BONDAGE TO DECAY...”
Romans 8:21
- _____ of my body
“WE WAIT EAGERLY FOR ...THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODIES. FOR IN THIS **HOPE** WE WERE SAVED.” *Romans 8:23,24a*
- _____ He works for good in all things until then
“AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.” *Romans 8:28*
“...WE REJOICE IN THE **HOPE** OF THE GLORY OF GOD. NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE ALSO REJOICE IN OUR SUFFERINGS, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SUFFERING PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE; PERSEVERANCE, CHARACTER; AND CHARACTER, **HOPE**.”
Romans 5:2b-4 (See Romans 8:28)

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“**MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU** WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY **OVERFLOW WITH HOPE** BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”
Romans 15:13

Positive _____ leads to positive _____

Question:

Is this the _____ through which I see my _____ ?

A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your forgiveness and love. Thank You for the hope I receive from trusting in Christ, whose death and resurrection redeems me from sin and promises my own resurrection. And thank You that in this life, You will bring good from everything I experience, even my suffering — just as You turned the cross from a symbol of pain to an instrument of love. This means I have nothing to fear and everything to hope for. Help me live in this hope daily. Amen.

The Hope Experience: 50 Days of Hope

Pick up a Hope Experience daily reading book in the auditorium lobby today, where you can also find a small group to join, or go to www.HopeExperience.com to get connected and search for a small group in your area.

October 3 & 4: Overflowing with Hope

Small groups kickoff! HopeExperience.com launches! Day 1 is October 4th!

October 10 & 11: The Foundation of Hope

Lunch on the Lawn!

“Refresh Reflect Renew” Women’s Retreat Weekend (www.tlc.org/women)

October 17 & 18: The Most Common Thief of Hope

Men’s Breakfast on Saturday morning (8am in Monschke Hall)

October 24 & 25: Spread Hope!

ShareFest Saturday! Sign up for a ShareFest project at www.HopeExperience.com

October 31 & November 1: Living with Hope Daily

Food drive begins — we’re aiming to raise half a million meals!

Saturday blood drive at TLC

November 7 & 8: Hope When Life Seems Hopeless

Communion Weekend!

November 14 & 15: Our Ultimate Hope!

Food drive wraps up!

November 21 & 22: Celebration Weekend

Food drive totals revealed!



Memory Verse

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!
Romans 15:13 (NIV)