



SERMON NOTES

Week 2 December 5, 2021

“Altogether Hope”

Luke 1:26-38; Hebrews 16:16-19



I. Introduction

- A. This series is designed to help us cover the _____ between ‘almost’ and ‘altogether.’
- B. An “almost hope” reminds us that there are brighter days ahead, but we still have to go through the _____.
- C. Like many of us, _____ experienced an unplanned event that turned her life upside down.

II. The Anchor of Hope

- A. We need an _____ that we can hold onto during the storm.
- B. _____ is the most powerful anchor for our motioned-sickened souls.
- C. When your hope is anchored to _____, you receive three things:
 - a. His Presence.
 - b. His Protection.
 - c. His Promise.

III. Our Mission

- A. An Altogether Hope requires us to expand our hope to _____.
- B. Our mission at Christmas is to be people of hope who let Jesus’ _____ shine through them.
- C. Application:
 - a. Evaluate “where is my _____ anchored?”
 - b. How will you offer hope to the _____ people in this world?

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

An “almost hope” reminds us that there are brighter days ahead, but we still have to go through the darkness. Like Mary, many of us find ourselves dealing with unplanned events that can turn our lives upside down. So where do we find hope in the midst of a stormy season of life?

Monday: Hebrews 6:16-20

Hebrews is a letter that someone wrote to mostly Jewish people who had left the faith they grew up in to become Jesus followers. So they are stepping into this new season and the writer of this letter is trying to give them some encouragement. He says “hope” is a safe and secure anchor. Think about previous stormy seasons in your life. Have you ever placed your hope in something or someone that wasn’t strong enough to anchor you?

Tuesday: Psalm 46

God is the anchor we need during stormy seasons of life. As the psalmist reminds us, He is our refuge and strength; a help always near in times of trouble. Do you put your trust in God during difficult times? If not, what is preventing you from trusting God as your anchor in whatever you’re in the middle of? What can you do to focus on your heavenly Father and make him your anchor during a transition?

Wednesday: Hebrews 13:1-8

The writer of Hebrews quotes Psalm 118:6 and reminds us that God is our helper. He also reminds us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. When your circumstances change, is it tempting to assume your relationship with God has changed in some way? Why or why not?

Thursday: Romans 8:18-28

When your hope is anchored to God, you can trust him to bring good from whatever you are going through. Do you believe that God can bring something good from the bad circumstances in your life? Why or why not?

Friday: John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus says that he is the light of the world; and then he tells us to go into the world and be the light of the world. Our mission at Christmas is to be people of hope who let Jesus’ light shine through them. What is one thing you are doing this Christmas to bring hope to someone in your sphere of influence?

MOVING FORWARD

Hope is the most powerful anchor for our motion-sickened souls. When our hope is anchored to God, we find his presence, protection and promise that can help us make it through the storm. That is the first step toward an altogether hope. An altogether hope requires us to expand our hope to others. Our mission at Christmas is to be people of hope who let Jesus’ light shine through them. This week, evaluate where your hope is anchored.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) distance, B) darkness, C) Mary. IIA) anchor, B) Hope, IIC) God. IIIA) others, B) light, C1) life, C2) weary.