

MARINERS CHURCH



HOPE Is Contagious

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"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God you'll be at rest." - Corrie Ten Boom

We develop HOPE when we are faced with trials.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:15-16 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. Romans 5:1-5 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. James 1:2-4 (NLT)

We share HOPE as our purpose.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. 2 Timothy 1:7-8 (NLT)



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Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT)

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

For my LifeGroup Discussion...

Have you ever stashed money or another prized possession in a secret place? Share about that- why did you choose that location?

Read 2 Corinthians 4

This passage is full of contrasting images of the life to come and our life here now. Name them.

We often feel unqualified to share God's hope with others. According to these verses, how does our weakness help rather than hinder the gospel?

Take a few minutes to write down a few of your own personal weaknesses. How is each item an opportunity for God to show His power?

Twice Paul has said we do not lose heart (v.1 and v.16) On what basis can we be confident that our lives will not be pointless?

How is God inwardly renewing you day by day? What is your response?