

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus, I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your Name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

Psalm 63:3-5 [NKJV]

What if there is no God? Strange question to ask on a Sunday in church. Or, really, anywhere anytime. Unfortunately, we've all asked it. Trouble comes to every life, and sometimes that trouble is so severe, so senseless that we demand an explanation. All too often God doesn't answer the universal question: "*Why?*" From the vacuum, from the silence, comes a whisper of doubt, *what if there is no God?*

To every mind that seeks meaning – which includes every human mind – that question brings with it a haunting, insistent logic. We may not like it. It may threaten all we've been raised to believe and accept, but we do ask it. Driven by pain or by an unvarnished demand for answers, we're not satisfied with cliches that let God off the hook. Why should we be? If there really is a God and He created us, then He created our minds.

***Surely, He expects us to use them.***

So, we wade through Job's story and we read "*When Bad Things Happen to Good People?*" (Harold Kushner). But whatever we learn seldom diminishes the pain. The mind does not have a good record when it comes to healing a smashed soul.

***But shared sorrow does.*** And shared grief. Even in a semi-silent whisper, wounded souls speak the same language. The opening quotation comes from a man on the run. Unjustly accused, 7 years on the "*Most Wanted*" list. Sleeping in caves, living as an outlaw, no resources and no lawyer. He sits down and writes a song. What's the takeaway?

Your unanswered questions are not going anywhere. ***So, in your suffering and in your solitude, sing.***

# Welcome!

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*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM  
Unity in Prayer in our homes: 6:00 PM  
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;  
Kid's Club & Youth  
Prayer ½ hour before services

## SERMON NOTES

### INDESTRUCTIBLE ASSURANCE, UNWAVERING ANTICIPATION!

TEXT: Hebrews 6:19-20

I. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Do \_\_\_\_\_ define your identity? Genesis 1:26
- B. Can \_\_\_\_\_ deplete your strength? Romans 8:16-17

We have \_\_\_\_\_ to the family \_\_\_\_\_.

- C. Should we become a \_\_\_\_\_ of circumstances? James 5:16
- D. Does God have a place for the \_\_\_\_\_ people of the world?  
1 Peter 5:5
- E. Can anyone understand what it is like to \_\_\_\_\_ your life?  
Hebrews 4:15
- F. Do you feel all \_\_\_\_\_ with your problems? Romans 8:34
- G. Can God ever \_\_\_\_\_ your failures? Romans 8:1
- H. Is the grave a dead \_\_\_\_\_? 1 Corinthians 15:54
- I. Will the \_\_\_\_\_ ever end? Psalm 30:5
- J. Will you have the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the remainder  
of your life? Acts 1:8
- K. Life isn't \_\_\_\_\_! Acts 17:30-31

Death, failure, betrayal, sickness, disappointment – they cannot take your \_\_\_\_\_, because they cannot take your \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 18:1

II. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. God will \_\_\_\_\_ our world with hope and assurance.
- B. God will turn our world into a \_\_\_\_\_ of hope and assurance.
- C. God will grant us a \_\_\_\_\_ of hope and assurance.

1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Samuel 17:47; Isaiah 40:31

The best book of promises is the one you and God are going to \_\_\_\_\_.

The promises of God \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ our life on the promises of God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sunday Evening Prayer** – 6 to 7 PM. Come join us as we pray for God's move here in our area.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club in the basement, learning about the Lord.

**Women's Ministries Event** – Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Real Talk by Real Women of God – 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM here at the church. Fellowship/Worship/Panel Q&A – with ladies from New Life, New Hope, and Kingdom Reigning Worship Center (Titus 2:3-5). For more information, please see Caroline Zeyak.

**Equality Act** – please take the time to read the bulletin insert concerning the law being considered in the Senate. We need to do three things:

1. Pray!!
2. Contact your Senator and express your opposition to this law. <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>
3. Contact the White House expressing your opposition. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

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