

MESSAGE NOTES

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HOPE: ANTICIPATING A FUTURE THAT'S BETTER THAN THE PRESENT

WHAT IS HOPE?

"Anticipating a future that's better than the present."

The Psalmist asks...

"Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad?"
PSALM 42:5a

We all KNOW this feeling, don't we?

Discouragement generally occurs when our _____
(what we think should happen)

Don't align with _____
(what actually happens)

HOPE Stealers

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The Psalmist on HOPE

"I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God! Now I am deeply discouraged, but I will remember you—even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan, from the land of Mount Mizar. I hear the tumult of the raging seas as your waves and surging tides sweep over me. But each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life." PSALM 42:5b-8

The Psalmist Chooses Hope...

1. By going to the _____ of hope

"We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield." PSALM 33:20

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." ROMANS 15:13

2. By _____ the source of hope

"So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands." PSALM 78:7

"Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!" Habakkuk 3:17-18

3. By _____ why he has hope

"Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him." PSALM 62:5

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." PHILIPPIANS 4:6-8