

## MESSAGE NOTES

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### HOPE: OVERCOMING THE HOPE HUSHERS

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#### WHAT IS HOPE?

*“Anticipating a future that’s better than the present.”*

*“Hope is like a reservoir of emotional strength.”*

*“Hope changes everything!”*

*“God’s word is our roadmap for the hope to live today.”*

#### MATTHEW 20:29-34, NLT

*“<sup>29</sup>As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, a large crowd followed behind. <sup>30</sup>Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’*

*‘<sup>31</sup>Be quiet!’ the crowd yelled at them. But they only shouted louder, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’*

*<sup>32</sup>When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called, ‘**What do you want me to do for you?**’*

*<sup>33</sup> ‘Lord,’ they said, ‘we want to see!’ <sup>34</sup>Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. Instantly they could see! Then they followed him.”*

#### THE QUESTION

If Jesus were to ask you this question

**“What do you want me to do for you?”**

what would you say?

#### THE CHALLENGE

Life’s \_\_\_\_\_ often \_\_\_\_\_  
what we ask of Jesus

#### WHEN BELIEVING IS HARD, THE HOPE HUSHERS ARE OFTEN OUR...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ = does God really care about my \_\_\_\_\_?

2. \_\_\_\_\_ = does God really care about my \_\_\_\_\_?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ = does God really care \_\_\_\_\_?

#### When the HOPE HUSHERS get too loud...

1. We have to fight to \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of God over the dissenting voices

*“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” JOHN 10:27*

2. We have to fight for our faith to be \_\_\_\_\_ than our doubts, pain or unbelief

*“This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God’s inner sanctuary.”  
HEBREWS 6:19*

3. We have to fight to pray specific prayers, \_\_\_\_\_ for what we need

*“One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.” LUKE 18:1*

*“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” HEBREWS 4:16*

4. We have to fight to \_\_\_\_\_ that God does care and He will help

*“For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’” JEREMIAH 29:11*

*“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.” 1 PETER 5:7*

*“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” PHILIPPIANS 4:19*