



MESSAGE NOTES

Powerful Hope

Romans 5:3-5

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We Are People of Hope:

Our Heavenly Father loves us and wants good for us, not to harm us.

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“3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

We have hope when everything seems hopeless:

1. God uses the “valley times” to help us rely on Him.

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

He hasn’t abandoned us. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that he doesn’t just leave us alone to go astray and be lost.

2. Rely on what God provides

2 Corinthians 12:7 “or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.”

The difficulties you are going through, may be what God is using to help you stay on track.

3. Rely on God’s power

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

We can see God’s power at work, when we humbly ask for help.

We **can’t** judge how much God loves us based on good or bad circumstances. We can know how much He loves us because of what Jesus did on the cross for us.

Let’s remember what he has done for us as we take communion today.