

**2020
With God We Can**

**Share Mary's Hope
John 20:11-18**

Life _____ Hope -

- Jesus healed Mary of Magdala of seven _____ (Lk. 8:1-2)
 - Left alone at the open tomb Mary _____.
 - Only one week before, thousands _____ the coming Christ. (Matt. 21:1-11)
 - "They have taken my _____ away" (vs. 13)
- _____
- _____
- _____

Hope _____ -

- "A desire with the _____ of fulfillment."
 - Hope is to the _____ what oxygen is to the _____! (1Cor. 15:12-19)
- _____
- _____

Hope _____ -

- "Woman why are you _____?"
 - Mary doesn't _____ Jesus!
 - Jesus calls her by _____ - (John 10:27-28)
- _____
- _____

Hope is a _____ -

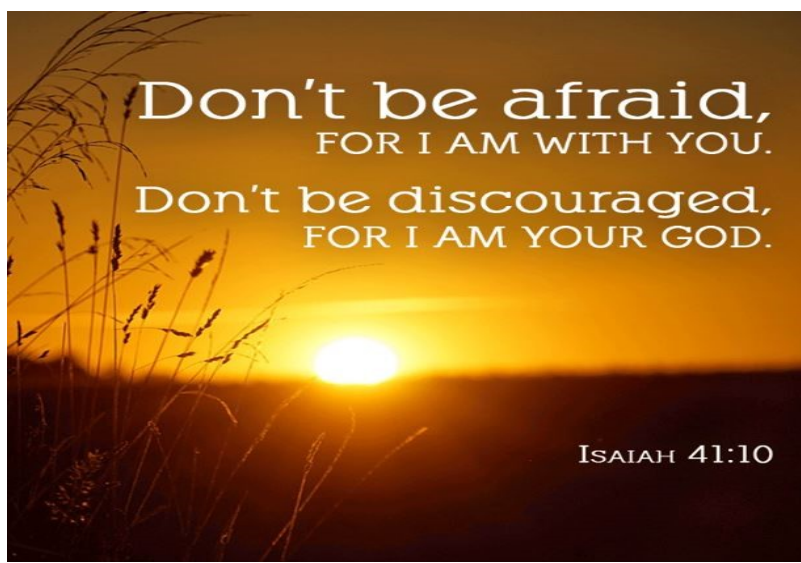
- _____ is that Who!
 - His resurrection proves that He is stronger than any setback, failure, loss or _____.
 - Our hope in Christ is _____ living!
- _____
- _____
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APRIL 5TH, 2020

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24

Who are your closet friends? Good friends are hard to come by in a world of superficial acquaintances and shallow relationships. "Hanging with the crowd" can give us a false sense of belonging, but often leaves us wounded and alone in times of trouble. Open, honest, supportive, and loving relationships don't happen without investment. Ask the Lord to lead you to close friends in his family. Minister to and serve those around you. Listen to their requests, faithfully upholding them in prayer. Spend time in Christian service with other servant believers. Join yourself to a Bible study or accountability group. As you do, trust that God will give you that "stick-through-thick-and-thin-friend." Companions are easy to find, but can be unreliable. Development of Christian friends is an investment of effort and time, but they are friends with whom we will share forever.



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SCHEDULE

| Sunday | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Bible Classes for all ages | 9:30 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | |
| Ladies Class | 10:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday | |
| Bible Classes for all ages | 6:30 p.m. |

ELDERS, DEACONS AND STAFF

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it. ~ Helen Keller

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ~ 1 John 5:4-5

Don't Ever, Ever, Give Up

Dag Hammarsk wrote: "When the morning's freshness has been replaced by the weariness of the midday, when the leg muscles quiver under the strain, the climb seems endless and suddenly nothing will go quite as you wish- - it is then that you must not hesitate." I like that spirit. Unwilling to give up. Refusing to quit. Picking self up and continue forging forward.

The successful life prescribed by Christ requires faithfulness under all circumstances: a hand on the plow with no looking back, steadfast perseverance, racing hard for the tape, and fighting the good fight of faith. The devil loves it when we simply relax our efforts. He loves it if we become discouraged.

There are temptations to overcome; disappointments to handle; personal sins that trouble us; burdens that depress us. And Satan is standing by urging that we quit trying. But wait! Remember, Christ is present. "Think about Jesus. He held on patiently while sinful men were doing evil things against Him. Look at Jesus' example so that you will not get tired and stop trying" (Hebrews 12:3) The Lord's example should encourage us to keep going.

Someone asked James J. Corbett, the heavyweight champion of the world, what was the most important thing a man must do to become a champion. He replied, "Fight one more round." The Duke of Wellington said that the British soldiers at the Battle of Waterloo were not any braver than Napoleon's soldiers- - but they were braver for five minutes longer. That is about it for the Christian. A secret for spiritual success. Fight just one more round. Be brave for just a few more minutes. It is the difference between defeat and victory.

Sometimes it seems the thing to do is to stop trying, to throw in the towel, to just give up. The Bible is replete with examples of many who, under unbelievable situations, wouldn't quit, but through the strength of the Lord continued toward the prize (Phil. 3:13-14). There is the victor's crown waiting for those who "finish the race." (II Timothy 4:7-8).

- - - Ronnie Parker

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

-Barbara Grimm fell and fractured her shoulder in two places. She will repair this through physical therapy. Please keep her & her family in your prayers.

-Lynn Nothstein's brother in law **Larry**, was released from the hospital Tuesday. He is still very ill with many complications. He is also a proud new grandpa! His daughter Breanna had a baby boy Wednesday. **Nicolas Nolan** has arrived! Please keep him in your prayers. **Tom's Uncle Andy** has been in and out of the hospital in Texas many times this past week with ongoing health concerns. Please remember him also in prayers.

-Loretta Bower sent a thank you note following her procedure. It reads "Words can't express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your concern, cards and most of all your prayers. We worship an awesome God who is good all the time. All prayers were answered as I recover nicely. You are all so special to me and I'm blessed to be part of such a loving family. Thank you for the beautiful plant. In Christian love~. It will be posted in the foyer upon our return.

-Cliff Downing wanted to thank everyone for keeping in touch and encouraging him through this time we find ourselves in. He also wanted to give a shout out to **Anne Capshaw** and the kindness she showed **Karen Anderson** by working in her yard. Way to go **Anne!**

-Brigitte Dalton sent us an Easter card thanking us for the cards, phone calls and prayers during her recent surgery. It will be posted in the foyer upon our return.

-Please continue to **check on each other** and if anyone **needs anything** please contact one of the **Elders** or **Roy** and they will make it happen!

Congregational Update

As you know, the "Shelter in Place" order has not been lifted so our Worship Services will remain suspended for the time being. In the meantime, we are offering a video of our Sunday Morning lesson, and Wed. evening adult Bible Class on both our Website and Facebook page. Additionally, we have communion supplies available to those who are interested. We also ask that you mail, drop off, or request a pick-up of your weekly contribution so that we may meet our various financial obligations in a timely manner.

Most importantly, we ask that you continue to pray for all those on the "front line" of this pandemic and that the spread of COVID-19 is arrested quickly. Our world may have changed, but our God has not!

ENCOURAGING WORDS

What's for Dinner?

God has not promised us Tri-Tip for every meal, but He has promised us that He will provide food for us.

He provided food for the Jews on their forty-year journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. Before they arrived at Mt. Sinai, He gave them manna in the morning and quails in the evening. - **Ex. 16:13** David understood that God would provide food for His people. "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging bread." - **Psa. 37:25** Think of David who spent years fleeing from King Saul. Yet in spite of all the adversity the evil king brought into David's life, God took care of him. God provided the food he needed. David saw that God fed His people.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes a great contrast between how saints look toward food and the way that unbelievers look at it. "*So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'*" ³² *For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*" - **Matt. 6:31-32**

Those who are not God's children are fearful that they might not have food. Those empty shelves in Walmart are a major concern to them. Our Lord says that we should not have a single concern and then He gives the reason. "*Your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*" Our godly grandparents dealt with the Dustbowl and the Great Depression but not one of them starved. How did this happen? Because they took seriously the final thing Jesus said about this. "*Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.*" Think about this in these trying days as you watch God provide our daily bread!

R. Senior