

SERMON NOTES

April 8 & 9, 2023

Easter 2023: Hope

John 14:24-25

1. I need hope like I need _____.

2. Groundless optimism will eventually _____.

3. _____ is my ultimate hope.

4. The resurrection of Jesus means _____ is not the _____.

5. The way to a hope-filled life is through _____.

Galatians 2:20

Life Steps

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Monday

Acts 2:29-39

Reflect: What was your primary takeaway from the Easter Message? Recall a life experience that started out as a very challenging circumstance but ended up teaching you a great life lesson.

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, thank you for humbling yourself to death on a cross for my sins.

Tuesday

John 12:24

Reflect: What does John say is the difference between a seed that remains unplanted and one that gets planted? How would you describe your life today? Are you more like a seed on a shelf, a seed planted or a seed-bearing fruit? Explain

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, plant me in the midst of my current circumstances so that my life might one day bear fruit for others.

Wednesday

John 12:25

Reflect: How do we gain eternal life, if we hate our life in His world? How can we help each other live an eternal life based on Jesus Christ's death and resurrection?

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, thank you for your unselfish life and death so we might choose eternal life rather than life in this world.

Thursday

Philippians 2:1-5

Reflect: Jesus lived a golden rule life from birth to death to resurrected life. How might having the same golden rule mindset as Jesus impact your key relationships?

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, transform my heart and mind to be like yours.

Friday

Philippians 2:6-9

Reflect: How did Jesus humble himself? Why does the verse say "even death on a cross"? What was the result of Jesus humbling himself from birth to death to resurrected life? Where in your life might God be suggesting you need a dose of humility?

Prayer: Humble me, God. Plant me and raise me up.

Saturday

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Reflect: What does this passage say about our present troubles? What does the Easter message point, "the resurrection of Jesus means my worst thing is not the last thing" mean to you?

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, in the midst of my present troubles, keep my eyes on you and the hope of eternity.

Sunday

Galatians 2:20

Reflect: Where do you need some hope in your life? How does this verse speak to that need?

Prayer: God of resurrection and hope, thank you for sending Jesus to show us how much you love us.