



Sermon Notes

Embracing Hope Part 17 – Hope Replenishes
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*I open my heart to receive from the Word of God
God's promises are true
And they are true for me*

Isaiah 44:3

*³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.*

God knows how to replenish.

Our hope is solely based on God's grace.

Grace is God's choice to select for Himself a people apart from any of their merit.

Matthew 16:21-22

*²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.
²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"*

Luke 22:31-34

*³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."
³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."
³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."*

Jesus knew Peter was going to fail before He chose him.

Matthew 16:13-18

*¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*



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¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Jesus called Peter a rock even before he betrayed Him three times.

Grace is there before and after our failures.

Grace meets us at our point of failure.

Mark 16:6-7

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

When we are in the middle of our struggle, that is no time to be introspective.

Grace does the opposite of what we feel we deserve.

Isaiah 57:16

¹⁶ I will not accuse them forever,
nor will I always be angry,
for then they would faint away because of me—
the very people I have created.

Condemnation is intended to squash us, to make us give up.

Grace is intended to encourage and build us up

Condemnation comes from the heart of the enemy of our souls.

Grace comes from the heart of God who carefully and thoughtfully made us, knows us better than we know ourselves, and loves us more than we could ever imagine. **And He calls us beautiful.**

