



Sermon Notes

Embracing Hope Part 28.1 – Don't Fear Change
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To live without hope is to cease to live.

John 10:10

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Jesus came to bring us life - Satan wants to bring us death.

To live without hope is to cease to live.

Satan wants us to fear change.

For a believer, hope means change.

When we fear the changes God wants to make, we are admitting to God we are still trying to maintain control.

If we don't master our emotions, they will master us.

Fear can cause us to say "no" to what God wants to do in our lives.

We want things to stay the same, but just get better.

We often resist change because we focus on what we have to give up instead of what we have to gain.

If nothing changes – nothing changes!

God will challenge our status quo.

John 21:1-6

1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.



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6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

It is only as we conquer the fear of change and move forward that we experience the amazement that God has for us.

Jesus patiently let the disciples come to the end of their resources.

We meet God when we come to the end of our own resources.

As long as we are trying to make it work on our own, we are not making room for God to work.

