



Handout June 16, 2023

Hope in an Uncertain Future I Samuel 23:14-29

I think hope can be illusive!

Let's just start with that. The more news I watch, the more tragedy I see, the more despair that comes knocking --- the more I want to hunker down. The worries of today: family, home, financial, our nation, the world

1) _____ into today and not just _____ today.

These are very different things. Don't you think?

I Samuel 23:14-29, Psalm 13

2) David made God his _____ !

How often would we like to escape the situations we are in! There are some that I would love to avoid. When I think of David ---- here is a man chosen of God to lead, a man found upright in every way --- running for his life. These thoughts help me to remember that adversity and oppression and sadness do not mean God is against me!

3) These make me feel hopeless. (Circle those which apply.)

Job	Relationship	Family	War in other countries	Emotional Trauma
Finances	Health	Children	Mental Health	_____

4) God can _____ a _____ !

In David's story, we see time and time again where God makes a way of escape. Are you feeling pursued by the inescapable problems in life? How can you live into the trials of today?

You need HOPE!

Romans 5:1-5 'Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.'

Living into trials means accepting the circumstances and then actually thriving. If you are letting your circumstances overwhelm you, you are looking at the problem and not the solution.

5) _____ God is key.

What is beautiful about David's story is that while there were those against him, he also had those who were for him.

How many of you know ... ***I John 4:4***

We all know the 2nd part, ***“Greater is He who is in You”...***

But what about the 1st part, ***“You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; ...”***

This gives me hope.

6) Your _____ can't be _____ than your faith!

The truth is --- there is no uncertain future; but there are certain things we can do.

Often in Bible Study on Tuesday, we talk about being still / silent.

1st – Confess Jesus is greater than your problem.
Do you believe that?

2nd – Profess where you are powerless.
Admit some things are out of your control / just like David.

3rd – Acknowledge where you have control.
Make changes within your power.

4th – In all else, wait on the Lord.

Isaiah 40:31 'But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.'

Confidently expect God to show up. We, of all people, have hope. We have Christ.

Psalm 27

Jesus Christ is our Blessed Hope. We always have hope for the future.

1 Timothy 1:1 'Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,'

Maybe you do feel pursued. We all do at times. Let's remember David. Let's be like David. Let's make our stronghold in God. Life may be pursuing you, but you are not hopeless and there is a certain outcome.

Psalms 18:1-3 'I will love You, O Lord , my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord , who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.'

Jeremiah 29:11 'For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord , thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. '

You are an overcomer! Our future is never uncertain with God!