



Not Home Yet - Part 6

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1. Pastor Tom opened with nostos, the Greek word for homecoming. What's a place, season, or moment that gives you that ache? Then read Hebrews 11:13-16. What does it change to know the ache isn't a defect but a signal that "God has prepared" a lasting home?
2. Peter pulls "have no fear of them, nor be troubled" from Isaiah 8:12-13. Read that passage in context. Isaiah was speaking to people terrified of a real military threat, not an imaginary one. Where in your life right now are you fearing exactly what your non-believing neighbors fear? Be specific: the market, your kids' future, the election, your health?
3. The sermon challenged whether our deepest hope just looks like a non-believer's optimism. What would actually distinguish the two if someone watched you for a month? Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-19. Paul says if there's no resurrection we're to be pitied above everyone. Does your hope have that much riding on the empty tomb, or would it survive fine without it?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:18-20 again alongside Genesis 6:1-8 and 2 Peter 2:4. Pastor Tom laid out three interpretations and said all three land in the same place. Which reading do you find most convincing, and why? More importantly: what's your instinct when Scripture is genuinely hard - avoid it, panic about it, or sit with it? Where did you learn that instinct?
5. Author, Corrie ten Boom often shared a truth her sister Betsie spoke in the Ravensbrück camp: there is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still. Look at Colossians 2:15 and Revelation 1:17-18. Jesus conquered the deepest pit and holds the keys. Share one specific 'pit' in your life that His victory needs to speak to right now.
6. God didn't stop the flood. He carried eight people through it. Read Isaiah 43:1-3 and Daniel 3:16-18. Where have you been asking God to remove something when He may be intending to carry you through it?
7. Finish the sentence: "The reason I have hope is..." No church-y words allowed. No "because Jesus is my Lord and Savior." Then allow the group to ask one follow-up question of each person.