

Week 2: Resurrected Hope

Main Idea: Sometimes what we hope for seems to die and hope feels like an unmet promise. But when we trust in God, even when it seems hopeless, He resurrects our hope.

Bible Verses to Read:

1 Kings 17:17-24 *Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. 18 She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" 19 "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. 20 Then he cried out to the Lord, "Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" 21 Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, "Lord my God, let this boy's life return to him!" 22 The Lord heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. 23 Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth."*

- Do you tend to see things from a "glass-half-full" or a "glass-half-empty" perspective?
- During the message we talked about how what we hope for and what we experience can sometimes be so far apart that it's hard to find hope at all. Have you ever felt this way? What do you tend to do in these situations?
- Read 1 Kings 17:17-24. What is going on in this passage? What does this passage teach you about finding hope when things seem hopeless?
- During the message we mentioned *"When we trust in God, He resurrects our hope"* Consider the woman in the story and Elijah. What did each of them put their hope in? How was hope restored?
- What do you think makes putting our hope in God different than anything else we can put our hope in?

FINAL THOUGHT: What can you do to remind yourself that there is still hope when you trust in God; even when things seem hopeless and hope is hard to see?