

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Hope is for a Future

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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Is worth it to live for Jesus and endure trials and suffering?

Romans 8:17-25 And since we are [God's] children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. ¹⁸ Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰ Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, ²¹ the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. ²² For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. ²⁴ We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. ²⁵ But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

- **Creation is in bondage.**
- **Creation will be liberated.**

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Isaiah 65:17-25 "Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore. ¹⁸ Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation! And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and delight in my people. And the sound of weeping and crying will be heard in it no more. ²⁰ "No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! Only the cursed will die that young! ²¹ In those days people will live in the houses they build and eat the fruit of their own vineyards. ²² Unlike the past, invaders will not take their houses and confiscate their vineyards. For my people will live as long as trees, and my chosen ones will have time to enjoy their hard-won gains. ²³ They will not work in vain, and their children will not be doomed to misfortune. For they are people blessed by the Lord, and their children, too, will be blessed. ²⁴ I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers! ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. But the snakes will eat dust. In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on my holy mountain. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

Big Idea: Focus on our future hope to overcome our present pain.

Hebrews 12:1b-2 "...And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. -Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne."

How do we Focus on our future hope to overcome our present pain?

- **Wait patiently for our Future Hope. (Internal)**
- **Live intentionally as a foretaste of our Future Hope. (External)**

OJ Brigance - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19YHVBgXqyM>



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- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Can you think of something you hoped for that has enabled you to persevere through pain and suffering? What has that experience been like for you?

4) Read Romans 8:17-25. In what way is creation in bondage? What would be some examples of this?

5) How will creation be liberated? How is the liberation of creation connected to our salvation as people?

6) Reflect on v. 23. What does it mean to receive "our full rights as his adopted children?" How is this connected to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus?

7) Read Isaiah 65:17-25. What do you find compelling about this vision of the future? Where do you see glimpses of this now?

8) Read Hebrews 12:1-2. How is Jesus our model, means, and motive for overcoming pain for a future hope?

9) What specific steps will you take today as individuals and as an Impact Community to....

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