

# “The Key to A More Excellent Way”

New Hope Community Church

I Corinthians 1:1-9 / January 14th, 2024

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