

- a. To lead us through the Valley of the Shadow of Death
- b. To the quiet waters and green pastures on the other side (Ps. 23; John 10:27-30)

**Conclusion:** Being People of Hope in Tumultuous Times

- A. There is turmoil all around us
  - 1. But if we can \_\_\_\_\_ hope with Jesus in the midst of our helplessness and turmoil
  - 2. Then we can \_\_\_\_\_ the hope that we have with others who are in the midst of helplessness and turmoil
- B. If we as a church keep our eyes on Jesus as we go through helplessness and turmoil as a family of faith
  - 1. Then we will be a \_\_\_\_\_ of hope to the surrounding communities of Walnut Grove, Willoughby, Langley and beyond
  - 2. Let's be that beacon of hope (Phil. 4:13)
- C. Application: As a result of listening to this message, what Good News do I have to share with others?

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**Sermon Notes**  
**December 1, 2019 - Isaiah 40:27-31 & Luke 1:5-17**  
**Waiting 1: For Hope (Zechariah & Elizabeth)**

**Summary:** It is difficult for us to be helpless in the midst of personal turmoil. But Jesus brings hope into the midst of turmoil. He is with us and He is working things out for the best for us in the end. Therefore, we keep our eyes on Him and we wait in faith.

**Big Idea:** Jesus brings hope into the midst of our helplessness and turmoil

**Intro:** Grumbling while going for a run

- A. Getting worked up about an imaginary event
- B. Because of \_\_\_\_\_ and helplessness in another part of my life

**I. Being Helpless in the Midst of Turmoil**

- A. God's people in Isaiah's time
  - 1. A series of crises because of threats from surrounding \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. The temptation to trust in \_\_\_\_\_ solutions rather than God's solutions
  - 3. God always delivered the \_\_\_\_\_ He promised (Isa. 40:28-29)
- B. Zechariah & Elizabeth
  - 1. Childless & old

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of being childless in ancient times
3. The vulnerability of being \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ answered their prayers with a son: John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)

C. Our helplessness in the midst of turmoil in our own lives

## II. Jesus brings hope

- A. Jesus bring hope into the midst of our turmoil
  1. Through His faithful, loving \_\_\_\_\_ with us
  2. Through His active, compassionate \_\_\_\_\_ for us
  3. We have hope because
    - a. We are \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' presence
    - b. Jesus is working things out that will be \_\_\_\_\_ for us in the end (Rom. 8:28)
- B. We know that Jesus brings hope into turmoil
  1. Because He came into this world in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Because He entered into the worst of our turmoil on the \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Abandonment by God
    - b. Condemnation from God
- C. Jesus paid the penalty for our \_\_\_\_\_ in full on the cross

1. Then He gave up His life and died
2. On the third day, He rose from the dead
3. To guarantee \_\_\_\_\_ & resurrection life for us

## III. Waiting

- A. Jesus always brings hope, but often we have to \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Hebrews 11 – the Faith Hall of Fame
  2. Those heroes of \_\_\_\_\_ had to wait (Heb. 11:39)
- B. Delayed gratification
  1. The Marshmallow Experiment
  2. The temptation to go for what we think is the instant gratification of our own \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus to bring forward His solution
  4. Jesus' solution always results in the better \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The Importance of Faith
  1. Faith is what helps us to \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Faith helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ to our loving Shepherd while we wait for Him