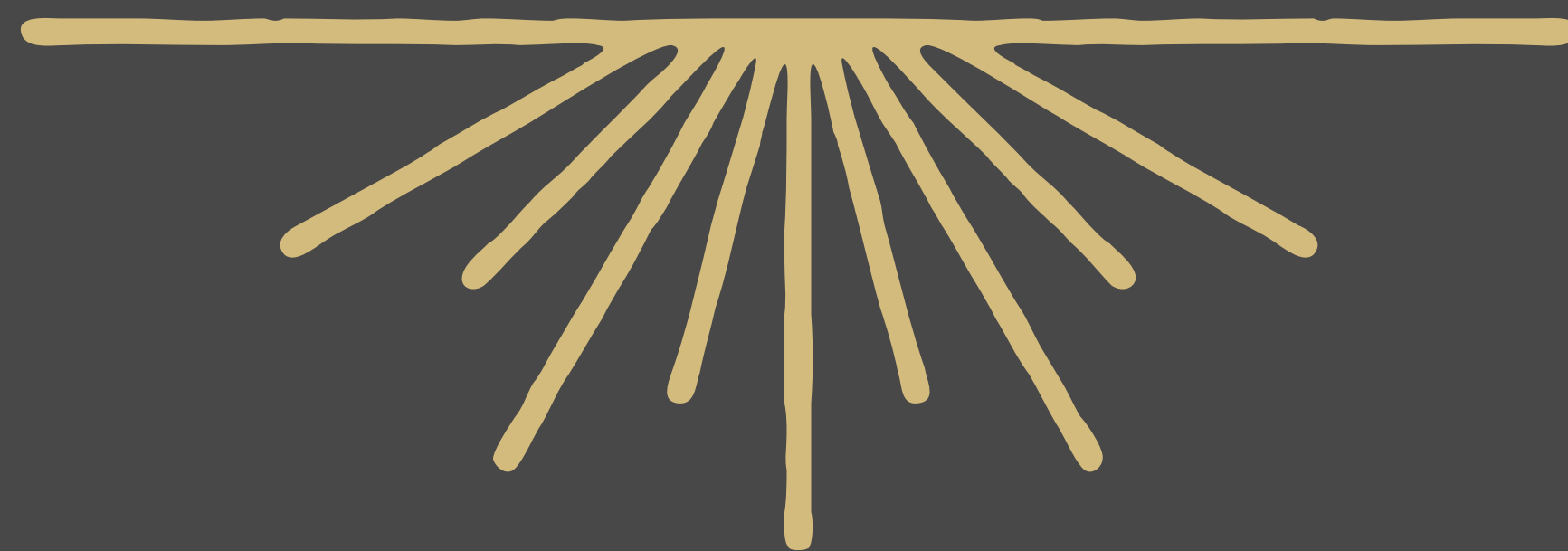


H O P E

REALIZED



BLESSED BE

THE GOD & FATHER

OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST!



ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY,

HE HAS CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN



TO A LIVING HOPE

THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF

JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,

TO AN INHERITANCE THAT IS



IMPERISHABLE

UNDEFILED

& UNFADING



1 PETER 1:3-4A

JOHN THE BAPTIST - AT A GLANCE

He was a forerunner, a herald

He was a rough man; lived in the desert, ate bugs and honey, and wore camel skins.

JOHN THE BAPTIST - AT A GLANCE

“He was like an under-socialized relative who shows up unannounced and unexpected at holidays and other social functions and embarrasses everyone.”

JOHN THE BAPTIST - HOPE'S FOCUS

"I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie"

-Luke 3:16

JOHN THE BAPTIST - HIS MESSAGE

Group #1's Question: "Can we get baptized?" (Lk.2:7-10)

John's answer: Don't rest on your heritage-Judgment is coming, repent!

JOHN THE BAPTIST - HIS MESSAGE

Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

-Lk.3:9

JOHN THE BAPTIST - HIS AUDIENCE

Group #2's Question: "What are we to do?" (Lk.3:10)

John's answer: *Bear fruit in keeping with repentance,
give, be honest, be content..*

LESSONS OF HOPE : JOHN THE BAPTIST

**hope and repentance are always a package with
God's plan and people.**

It is His grace that calls us back - asking us to abide in Him for our good and His glory. It is a sign of judgment when the call to repentance is absent.

LESSONS OF HOPE : JOHN THE BAPTIST

Kingdom focus is the mark of spiritual effectiveness

“He must increase, but I must decrease”

(John 3:30).

PREPARED FOR HOPE : STRAIGHTENING PATHS

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

- Isa.40:3-5

PREPARED FOR HOPE : STRAIGHTENING PATHS

Do you live in such a way that you're prepared to dispense hope?

Is the gospel road in your life smooth, or is unbearably rough?

Do we lead overly complicated lives?

PROCLAIMING HOPE : GIVING IT A VOICE

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness”

PROCLAIMING HOPE : GIVING IT A VOICE

Our call as “end times messengers”

“but according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

- II Pet.3:13-14

PROCLAIMING HOPE : GIVING IT A VOICE

Our call as “end times messengers”

“You, therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the lawless people and lose your stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- II Pet.3:17

PREPARED FOR AND PROCLAIMING HOPE :

"until He comes..."