

## TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** Everyday Heroes  
**Message:** All Together Now  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
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**Leadership** (def): motivating, inspiring, influencing others.

Nehemiah sets a great example, showing us how to make the most of our capacity to be God's partners. He shows us the importance of prayer as the way to begin and continue our pursuit of discovering and fulfilling God's purposes for us.

Humble and honest prayer opens up our heart and mind to what God values and wants done. Here is how Nehemiah responded to God when he heard about the desperate situation in his homeland:

*<sup>1</sup> Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." <sup>4</sup> When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I said, "O LORD, God of heaven,*

*the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands, <sup>6</sup> listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! <sup>7</sup> We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses. <sup>8</sup> Please remember what you told your servant Moses: 'If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations. <sup>9</sup> But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.' <sup>10</sup> The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants. <sup>11</sup> O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.*

Nehemiah 1:1-11 (NLT)

In the course of his praying about the situation in Jerusalem, God directed Nehemiah to take specific action steps. Take some time and think about your life and the opportunities around you to be God's man or woman on the scene. It could be in your home with family, at work or school or in your neighborhood and community. Like Nehemiah, pray and ask God to help you see things the way He does. Invite your Small Group or a close friend to join you in praying. As you sense God getting your attention, look at the points from the teaching notes and let God guide you.

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**  
NIV – New International Version  
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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**Nehemiah on leadership:**

**Pray and listen. Be open to what is really important and needs to be done.**

*When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.*

Nehemiah 1:4 (NIV)

**Plan with faith.**

*<sup>6</sup> The king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked, "How long will you be gone? When will you return?" After I told him how long I would be gone, the king agreed to my request. <sup>7</sup> I also said to the king, "If it please the king, let me have letters addressed to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, instructing them to let me travel safely through their territories on my way to Judah. <sup>8</sup> And please give me a letter addressed to Asaph, the manager of the king's forest, instructing him to give me timber. I will need it to make beams for the gates of the Temple fortress, for the city walls, and for a house for myself." And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.*

Nehemiah 2:6-8 (NLT)

*With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.*

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NIV)

**Seek to inspire others, not impress them.**

*<sup>17</sup> But now I said to them, "You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!" <sup>18</sup> Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, "Yes, let's rebuild the wall!" So they began the good work.*

Nehemiah 2:17-18 (NLT)

**Bonus: The way to ruin your influence...**

*Next were the people from Tekoa, though their leaders refused to work with the construction supervisors.*

Nehemiah 3:5 (NLT)

**Act with conviction and courage in the face of opposition and problems.**

*<sup>21</sup> We worked early and late, from sunrise to sunset. And half the men were always on guard. <sup>22</sup> I also told everyone living outside the walls to stay in Jerusalem. That way they and their servants could help with guard duty at night and work during the day. <sup>23</sup> During this time, none of us—not I, nor my relatives, nor my servants, nor the guards who were with me—ever took off our clothes. We carried our weapons with us at all times, even when we went for water.*

Nehemiah 4:21-23 (NLT)

**Always, always share the credit for success with God and others!**

*<sup>15</sup> So on October 2 the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun. <sup>16</sup> When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.*

Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NLT)

EVERYDAY

# HEROES

AND WHAT THEY CAN TEACH US



In recent years, the film industry has provided an endless array of movies telling stories of our favorite comic book heroes. While our TV sets seem stuck in a cycle of dark news, these films offer us the hope of good over evil; of the ordinary becoming extraordinary. We have a source of similar stories to draw from that offer more than a fictional escape. The Bible profiles people and experiences that can give us hope, plus a model to follow that brings great purpose to our ordinary lives.

## FIRST TIME GUESTS

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. We're glad you are here!

**WE'RE  
SO GLAD  
YOU JOINED  
US TODAY!**

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CHURCH

We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if He even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

# CAPTAIN MARVEL



**TAKEOVER**  
**SUNDAY - 6 PM**  
**6TH-12TH GRADE**

**Free popcorn and \$2 candy! Our dress-up theme is Out of This World! Come dressed as an alien, an astronaut, or even a planet for the chance to win money!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Women's Fall One Day Conference**  
**Saturday, September 28th**  
**8 am - 3:30 pm**  
**New Hope Church**

**Connect with us on social media.**  
**Facebook Group: HER Ministry**  
**Twitter: @HER\_NHC**





# GOT 60 MINUTES TO SAVE A LIFE?

Due to an extreme shortage of lifesaving blood products, New Hope is hosting a blood drive next Saturday, August 17th in the atrium. Donation times are 11 am – 3 pm. Make your life-saving appointment today! Sign up at [bit.ly/2019NHCBLOOD](https://bit.ly/2019NHCBLOOD) or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES. Questions? Email [kim.feld@newhope.org](mailto:kim.feld@newhope.org).

**There are currently two New Hope families in desperate need of plasma-based medicines and there is a critical national shortage. Inova will bring the special machines to be able to accept plasma, whole blood and double red cells at our drive.**

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH - 7 PM

Join us for a free family movie night sponsored by the Men's Ministry. We'll have hot dogs, popcorn, candy and drinks while we enjoy a family-friendly movie! Dinner is served right after the 5:30 pm service. Please sign up so we know how many to plan for: [bit.ly/nhfamilymovie](https://bit.ly/nhfamilymovie).





**We're gearing up for our Fall round of Journey groups starting on Tuesday, September 3rd. We have several options with different start dates to choose from, lasting 6 to 13 weeks. Please note that childcare is not available. All Journey groups meet at New Hope Church.**

**DivorceCare** is a 13-week support group that offers help and encouragement during the difficult experience of divorce. There are three key parts to the DivorceCare experience: video seminar featuring encouraging, information packed sessions with leading divorce experts, small group discussion about the weekly video content, and workbook journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics. This group begins on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm. Questions? Please contact Kathy Corneille at [corneilleke@hotmail.com](mailto:corneilleke@hotmail.com). To register, please go to: [bit.ly/divorcecarefall19](http://bit.ly/divorcecarefall19).

**Financial Peace University (FPU):** We all need a plan for our money. FPU is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! This nine-week class meets on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm starting September 11th. Questions? Please contact Tom Dolan at [tdolan1@comcast.net](mailto:tdolan1@comcast.net). To register, please go to: [bit.ly/fpufall19](http://bit.ly/fpufall19).

*If you're unsure if FPU is for you, please join us for a special preview night on Wednesday, September 4th at 7pm. To register, go to: [bit.ly/fpufall19preview](http://bit.ly/fpufall19preview).*

**How to Read the Bible Like a Seminary Professor:** For many, trying to understand the Bible can be an intimidating task. Readers often don't know the cultural and historical background for various passages in the Bible, or even understand the context in which a message was originally given. Theological concepts and doctrines may be unclear or even unknown. Parts of the Bible are written in different styles, further complicating understanding. Contemporary translations of the Bible try to simplify the message, but they also face the problem of not capturing the whole picture for the reader. In this group, you will learn how to unlock some of these mysteries by using the same techniques that professional scholars use. You'll take a six-week journey into the structure and style of the Bible, learn its different literary genres and their purpose, and gain tools for studying the Bible for the rest of your life. Participants will read and use the course book, *How to Read the Bible Like a Seminary Professor* by Dr. Mark Yarbrough from Dallas Theological Seminary. Each class, we'll review the reading, enjoy lively discussion and take part in practical applications. Participants must purchase the textbook and they should have a Bible app on their phone or device in class to access several different translations of the Bible. This group, led by Bill Soderberg, will meet on Thursdays beginning September 5th at 7:00 pm. Questions? Please contact Bill Soderberg at [williamsoderberg@cox.net](mailto:williamsoderberg@cox.net). To register, please go to: [bit.ly/bibleprofessor](http://bit.ly/bibleprofessor).

**Starting Point** is a conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. It's a safe place for people with questions about faith, as well as those who want to learn about the Bible and Christianity.

You may have questions you never felt you could ask at church; legitimate questions that would make many Christians uncomfortable. Ask them. Nothing is off-limits. We want to have conversations about the stuff that really matters to you—even when it's difficult to talk about—especially when it's difficult to talk about.

Starting Point is designed for:

SEEKERS: those who are curious about God, Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity

STARTERS: those who have just begun a relationship with Jesus Christ

RETURNERS: those with some church experience, but have been away

This group will begin on Saturday, September 14th and end on Saturday, November 9th, and is led by Kim Feld and Terri Abblett. We will meet at New Hope during the Saturday 5:30 pm service. Questions? Contact Kim Feld at [kim.feld@newhope.org](mailto:kim.feld@newhope.org). To register, please go to: [bit.ly/startingpointfall19](http://bit.ly/startingpointfall19).

# themarketplace

We are saying goodbye to our MarketPlace this fall. Please help us clear out our inventory and stock up on some great cards and gift items at the same time! Everything in the store is 50% off for the month of August. All proceeds benefit our work with Feed My Starving Children.

**BIG  
SALE**

**50%  
OFF**

HURRY LIMITED TIME ONLY



We love our volunteers and enjoy giving them recognition. This week, we'd like to recognize **Chitawat Boyle**. Chitawat serves on our Sprouts team, loving on our youngest attendees. Her flexibility and reliability along with her love for the Sprouts 1 babies makes serving with her a pleasure. **Thank you Chitawat!** If you are interested in serving with New Hope's children or students, please contact [jessica.woodcock@newhope.org](mailto:jessica.woodcock@newhope.org).

IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME!

# HOPE FOR HELP

**5K RUN/WALK  
AND KIDS COLOR RUN**  
OCTOBER 19TH, 2019  
Run Thru the Crosspointe Community

## FINANCE UPDATE - JULY OFFERING

**JULY BUDGET \$192,452**

**JULY ACTUAL \$176,998**

**YTD BUDGET \$1,333,933**

**YTD ACTUAL \$1,272,547**

**YTD OVER/(UNDER) (\$61,386)**

# mark your calendar

## august

08.17

Blood Drive  
[bit.ly/2019NHCBLOOD](http://bit.ly/2019NHCBLOOD)

08.24

Free Family  
Movie Night  
[bit.ly/nhfamlymovie](http://bit.ly/nhfamlymovie)

08.25

Takeover  
Who's Your  
Crew Party

## september

09.03

Divorce Care  
[bit.ly/divorcecarefall19](http://bit.ly/divorcecarefall19)

09.04

FPU Preview  
[bit.ly/fpufall19preview](http://bit.ly/fpufall19preview)

09.05

Read the Bible  
Like Seminary  
Professor  
[bit.ly/bibleprofessor](http://bit.ly/bibleprofessor)

09.11

Financial Peace  
[bit.ly/fpufall19](http://bit.ly/fpufall19)

09.14

Starting Point  
[bit.ly/startingpointfall19](http://bit.ly/startingpointfall19)

09.28

HER Retreat

## october

10.12

Parent/Child  
Dedication

10.19

Hope for Help  
5K/Kid's Color  
Run

10.26

Men's  
Breakfast

10.27

Discovering  
Partnership  
Class

## november

11.02

Baptism  
Celebration

11.23

Coat Drive  
Begins

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