

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: Travel Light
Message: Letting Go of Control
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²⁸ Come to me and I will give you rest—all of you who work so hard beneath a heavy yoke. ²⁹ Wear my yoke—for it fits perfectly—and let me teach you; for I am gentle and humble, and you shall find rest for your souls; ³⁰ for I give you only light burdens.

Matthew 11:28-30 (TLB)

So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.
John 8:36 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible



TRAVEL LIGHT

[LEAVE YOUR BAGGAGE BEHIND]

In a crowded and busy holiday season, we can often feel weighed down by family relationships, financial pressure, regrets and more. This series will help us see the weight we feel comes from things God never intended us to carry. In fact, hanging onto baggage can indicate a misguided perspective or absence of God's power. Christmas reminds us that He wants to walk through life beside us, providing access to all the love, hope and peace He offers.

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!



While we won't be holding on-campus services the weekend after Christmas, we will have a special online service you can watch during any of our regular service times. So gather family on December 28th or 29th and enjoy the final message in our Travel Light series. You can find us online at live.newhope.org.

We're so glad you chose to join us for our Christmas Eve service. We'd also love to invite you to join us as we kick off 2020 with this new series starting the weekend of January 4th & 5th:



Our past mistakes can take control of our lives and define us. If we dwell on the past and give up, there is no hope for change. But, the good news is that Jesus offers us forgiveness, hope and power – genuine power - to change! We don't have to be defined by our past. Instead, we can learn from it and move forward with purpose and hope, and in the process make a real difference in the world.



At New Hope, we place a huge value on kids, so our Kids' Time Ministry is a big priority for us. Plus, kids are awesome! We have provided a place for parents and volunteers to learn more about us, and find resources to help all of us maximize the positive impact we will have with our kids from birth through fifth grade (including our kids with special needs). Find us at www.nhckidstime.com.

TAKEOVER Takeover is the Middle School (6th - 8th grade) and High School (9th - 12th grade) ministry of New Hope Church. Being a teenager in the 21st century is difficult, particularly in an area like Northern Virginia. You are pulled in every direction: from which high school you will attend, to what activities you'll be involved in, to what college will you go to, to what friends you will hang out with, and on and on it goes. You're figuring out who you are and you are making decisions that could potentially be life-altering. At New Hope, we exist to help students find their identity in Jesus Christ and their community with those who love Him. We believe this present generation of students has the potential to be used by God in a way that surpasses every other generation in history. Join us for our Takeover service on Sunday nights at 6 pm (doors open at 5:30). Find us at www.nhctakeover.com or on social media @nhctakeover.



Life can be tough, but you don't have to go through it alone. We want to remind you of two ministries that can help you navigate the tough times

For those 18-years-old and older, we have Celebrate Recovery (CR), which meets at 7 pm on Friday nights. You can reach us at celebraterecovery@newhope.org.

For students in middle and high school, we have The Landing, which meets every Tuesday night at 7 pm. You can reach us by email at info@thingscansuck.com.



We're so thankful for everything our volunteers do to make New Hope happen each weekend. After all, our church and its community are very important to God! If you served at all in this year, from Kids' Time to the parking lot (and everywhere in between), please know how grateful we are for you!



YOUR YEAR-END

GIVING

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

With the end of one year and the start of another, we pause to give thanks for our blessings and the people in our lives. It's also a time when charitable giving often comes to mind. Your year-end giving will help New Hope and you! Your gift can help the mission of New Hope Church in helping all people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Plus, your generosity is tax deductible. If you have any questions, please email us at finance@newhope.org. Here are a few things to remember:

- Your gift must be given/postmarked by Dec 31st for tax purposes.
- You can also give online at newhope.org/giving

Where grace happens, generosity happens. -Max Lucado

DID YOU KNOW... that New Hope Church is home of The Silo Center, which hosts three thriving children's programs: Silo Center Preschool (SCP), The Back Pack (TBP) and Camp What a Kid (CWAK)? That's three different children's programs in one convenient location!*

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CENTER
PRESCHOOL

Our preschool has a dynamic staff that agrees with decades of research supporting preschoolers in learning through play.

CWAK is a high-energy summer camp for school aged children. They learn valuable life skills and make great memories across eight weeks of an unforgettable summer.



TBP services five of our local elementary schools, providing transportation to and from school. We believe in giving school aged children a fantastic before and after school care program in a safe and fun environment.

*Programs subject to availability. Go to silocenter.com to learn more.