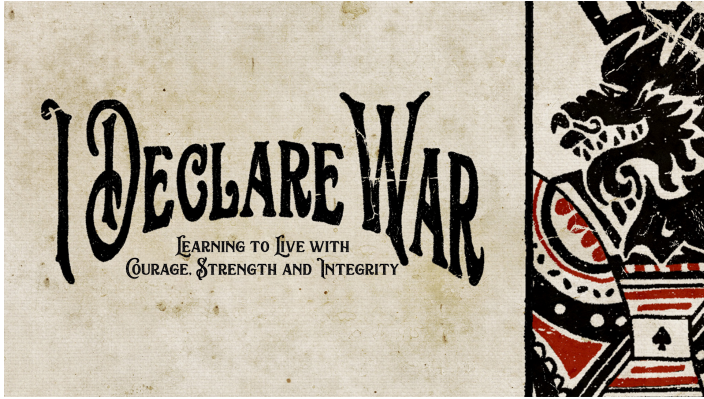


TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: I Declare War
Message: Mind Your Tongue
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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We started the message with the challenge to adopt a “warrior” mentality over our attitudes and actions. Read the following from 2 Timothy:

³ Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.
2 Timothy 2:3-4 (NLT)

Think about how this applies to having mastery over yourself. Warriors serve at the pleasure of their commanding officer and the mission. A soldier chooses to lay aside their own desires and inclinations in order to faithfully follow orders. With this in mind, consider the following verses and how they should guide you:

³ We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴ And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a

tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶ And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

James 3:3-6 (NLT)

What does James say about the destructive power of words? When have you seen this happen?

James gives us a very practical guide for guarding tongues:

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

James 1:19 (NLT)

Can you think of a time when you responded in anger to someone and later found out you had jumped to a wrong conclusion? Has someone done that to you?

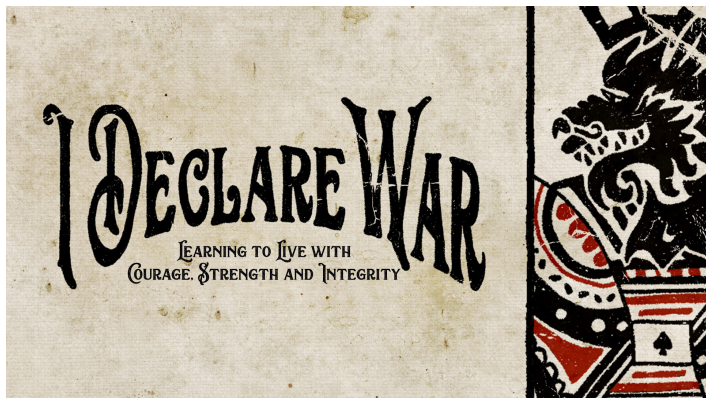
Ephesians 4:29, gives us a simple and solid guide for choosing and using our words:

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

Think about how you can apply this to people in your life right now, including those who frustrate you or are annoying. This will take some work and it would be good to ask someone to join you in looking for how to do it!

MESSAGE NOTES



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Each of us needs to have a warrior mentality over our attitudes and actions.

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalms 19:14 (NLT)

Our culture celebrates self-expression much more than self-control.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

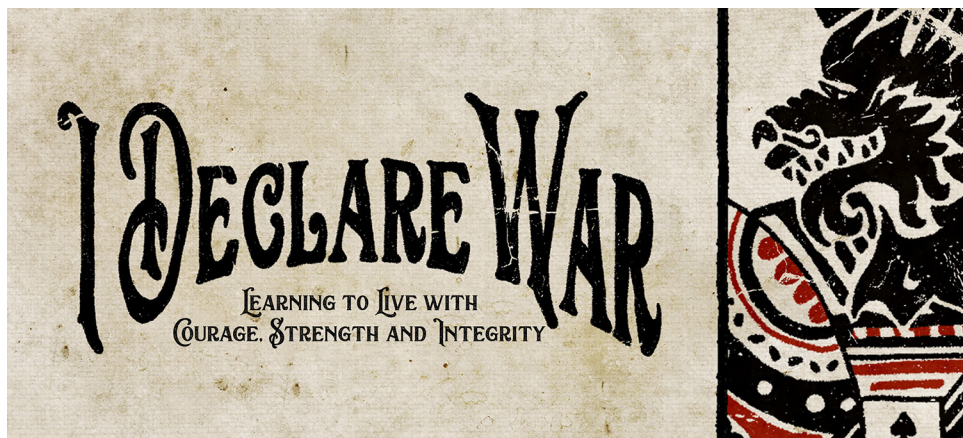
³³ A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. ³⁴ You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. ³⁵ A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. ³⁶ And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. ³⁷ The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.

Matthew 12:33-37 (NLT)

Our words show the status of our devotion to God.

²⁹ Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. ³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:29-32 (NLT)



Life is a series of choices - a battle between right and wrong, better or worse, good and evil. We can choose to follow Jesus, who offers us love and life in abundance, or we can allow temptation, selfishness and sin to cloud our judgment. So, how do we get out of our own way and quit making poor decisions? In this series, we're going to explore the power of three words, I Declare War. We'll look at different ways our words, thoughts and actions can sabotage our good choices and how we can learn to rely on God's power and resources to gain healthy control of our lives. ***This week... Mind Your Tongue*** - Words are powerful and can accomplish good or do great harm. By harnessing the power of our words, we can have a positive impact both on our lives and those around us.

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!**

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We are honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring whether or not God even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing everyone the love of Jesus and help them establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back, and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

Women's Breakfast

Saturday, February 9th • 8:30-10 am



Only \$5. Pre-registered childcare: \$3/ child, \$5 for 2 or more children. Details and registration coming soon! Email karennarowenhorst@newhope.org with any questions.

2018 YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE GENERAL OFFERING

DECEMBER TOTAL

BUDGET	ACTUAL	OVERAGE(SHORTAGE)
\$284,350	\$268,117	\$ (16,233)

END OF YEAR TOTALS

BUDGET	ACTUAL	OVERAGE(SHORTAGE)
\$2,350,000	\$2,374,629	\$24,629

Thank you for your generosity and continued financial support of the ministry of New Hope Church and helping all people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



If God is tugging at your heart to explore a mission, come to the interest meeting about the Uganda trip this summer (July 2nd -15th). The meeting will be held Sunday, January 20th at 12:45 pm in the Large Room upstairs. We would love for you to experience a mission outside your comfort zone, but smack in the center of God's zone. Experience the pure joy and deep faith of the Ugandan people. Experience worship that moves you to tears. Experience love and laughter engulfed by children longing for affection. Experience the camaraderie of a team of Christ followers who are passionate about serving the poor. Experience a country so different than ours, and then...experience a shift in your perspective and heart towards the things that matter to God. Experience the heartbreak of extreme poverty while you...experience the privilege of making a difference. **Please RSVP to Jenny at theherzogs1@verizon.net or let us know on your comm card.**



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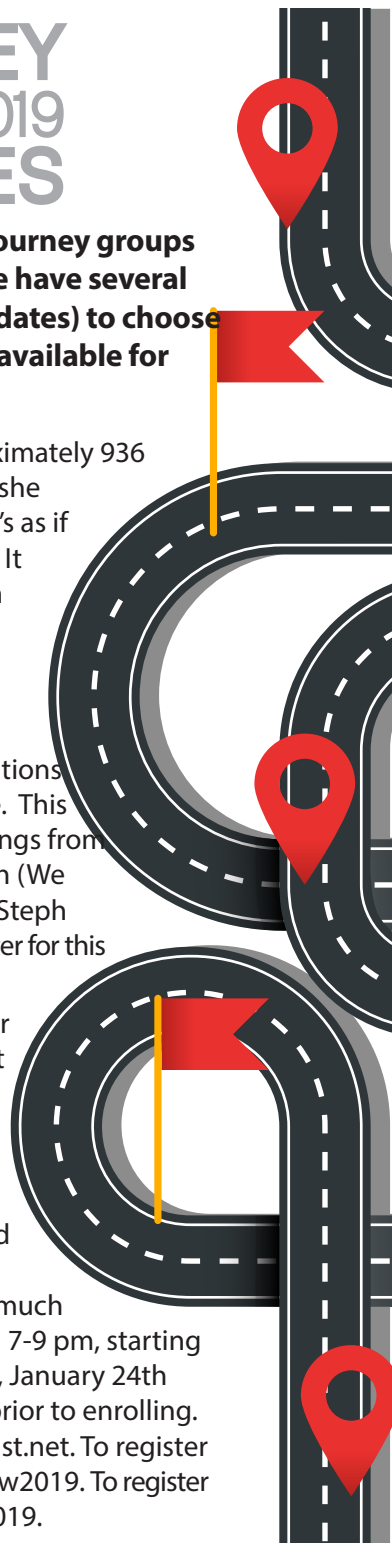


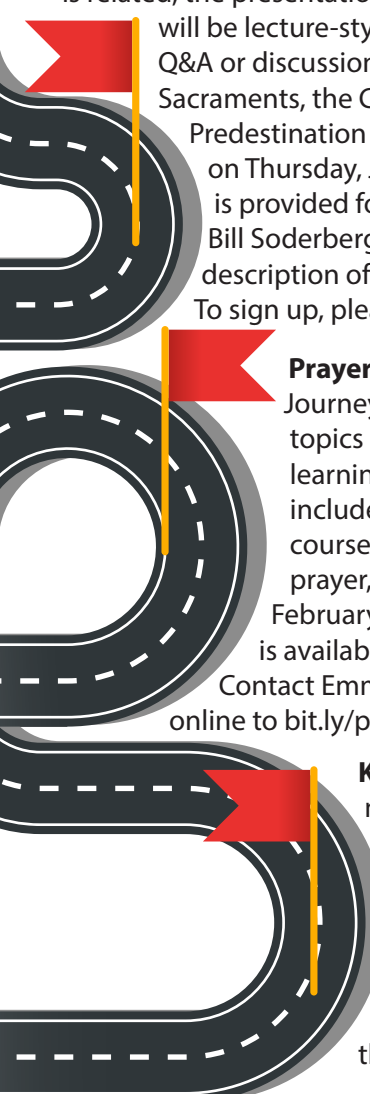
JOURNEY WINTER 2019 CLASSES

We are gearing up for our Winter round of Journey groups beginning Thursday, January 24th, 2019. We have several different options (some with different start dates) to choose from lasting from 3 – 10 weeks. Childcare is available for those that register by January 21st.

Parenting Through the Phases- You have approximately 936 weeks from the time your child is born until he or she graduates from high school. It goes by fast, and it's as if they change just as you begin to figure them out. It can make the responsibility to shape a child's faith and character feel overwhelming. The Parenting Through the Phases study is based on the four different stages of childhood and will help you discover what's changing about your kid, the six things your kid needs most, and the four conversations to have with your kid while they are in each phase. This is a six-week course that meets on Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 pm starting January 31st through March 14th (We will not meet February 14th.) Questions? Contact Steph Schleyer at steph.schleyer@newhope.org. To register for this class, please go to bit.ly/parentjourney.

Financial Peace University- We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through a nine-week 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 class meets on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm, starting January 31st. There is a Preview Class on Thursday, January 24th for those that would like to preview the material prior to enrolling. Questions? Contact Tom Dolan at tdolan1@comcast.net. To register for the preview class, please go to bit.ly/fpupreview2019. To register for the nine-week class, please go to bit.ly/fpuclass2019.





Core Theology Doctrines- For those that would like a deep dive, this course, led by Bill Soderberg, will address in detail six major Christian theological topics that are central to the Christian faith, but perhaps not fully understood by most believers. The topics will be covered in six 90-minute sessions using visual presentations and handouts. Although the information in these topics is related, the presentations are designed as stand-alone classes. Each class will be lecture-styled for 60 minutes, accompanied by a 30-minute Q&A or discussion period. The six topics are: The Trinity, the Sacraments, the Covenants, Christ's Return and Millennialism, Predestination and Ecclesiology (the Church). The class will begin on Thursday, January 24th and continue for five weeks. Childcare is provided for those that register in advance. Questions? Contact Bill Soderberg by email at williamsoderberg@cox.net. For a full description of the six topics, please email us at info@newhope.org. To sign up, please go online to bit.ly/coredoc.

Prayer Course- Want to go deeper in your prayer life? Journey with us though the Lord's Prayer as we cover topics such as intercession, dealing with disappointment, learning to listen and spiritual warfare. Each workshop includes a short video, discussion and practice time. This course is intended for anyone interested in the subject of prayer, led by Emma Keeton. Class begins on Thursday, February 7th, from 7-9 pm, and runs for six weeks. Childcare is available for anyone that registers in advance. Questions? Contact Emma Keeton at emokeets@gmail.com. To register, go online to bit.ly/prayerjournal2019.

Kingdom Man- This three-week Journey group for men is a follow up to the One Day Men's Retreat (occurring at New Hope on Saturday, January 26th). The class will be held from 7-9 pm on Thursday, January 31st, Thursday, February 7th and Thursday, February 14th, led by Brandon Pendleton. Questions? Contact Brandon at pendleton.brandon.l@gmail.com. To register for this class, please go to bit.ly/kingdommannhc.

More Information Online At bit.ly/2019journey

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Feld, the Executive Director of Education and Outreach, at kim.feld@newhope.org.

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Starting Point is a conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. Starting Point groups are safe places for people with questions about faith, as well as those who want to learn about the Bible and Christianity. Groups meet for nine weeks to explore the grand story of the Bible.

You may have questions that you've always wondered about but 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.

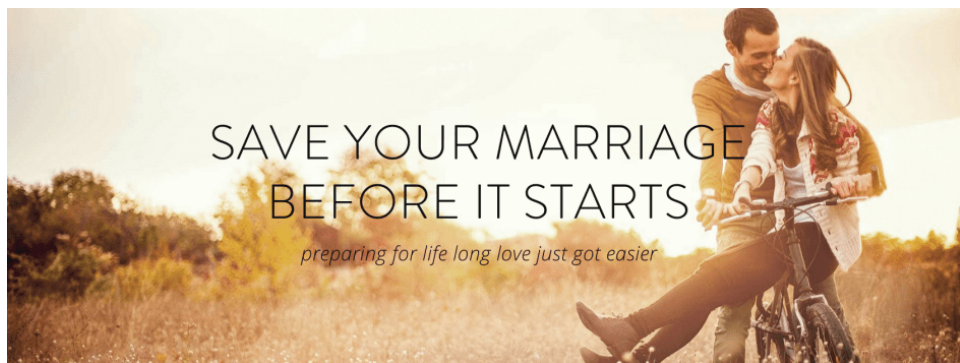
Starting Point is designed for:

- **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 who have some church experience, but have been away for a while

The group will begin on Saturday, February 2nd and end on Saturday, March 30th. This group meets at New Hope during the Saturday 5:30 pm service. **To register go to bit.ly/spwinter2019.** Questions? Contact Kim Feld at kim.feld@newhope.org.



Calling all men ages 18 and up! Join us for our Men's Ministry One Day Conference on January 26th, as we digest principles and truth from Dr. Tony Evans' study, *Kingdom Man*! Come out and be encouraged and empowered in becoming a man who rules his world well! This study is designed to empower men to exercise the God-given dominion they were created for by giving them a Kingdom understanding, vision, and perspective on their identity and responsibilities, with practical steps on building an action plan. We will kick-off at 7 am and go until 4 pm. **The cost is \$35 (includes workbook, lunch and snacks).** **To register, go to bit.ly/kingdommanretreat.** This will be followed up with a three-week Journey group on Thursday Nights on January 31, February 7 and February 14 from 7-9 pm. To sign up for the Journey Group, please go online to bit.ly/kingdommannhc.



SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BEFORE IT STARTS

preparing for life long love just got easier

For those who are seriously dating or already engaged, New Hope Church is launching a new pre-marriage class. This class is designed to help couples better understand God's plan for marriage and learn how to navigate the challenges of marriage by better understanding one's future spouse. The unique and permanent bonding of a man and woman in marriage is a great blessing and the anchor on which society is built. But doing marriage successfully requires a unique set of skills and perspectives for couples to learn and develop. The class will look at compatibilities and differences in partners, effective communication strategies, building a home together and honoring God in your commitment.

The class will be taught by Bill and Lorna Soderberg in their home and will be scheduled around the mutual availability of all participants. **The class will meet six times, once per week for 90 minutes each session.** Instruction/discussion is built around the book, "Preparing for Marriage" by Boehi, Nelson, Schulte & Shadrach, and general editor Dennis Rainey.

Please reach out with any questions or to let us know if you would like to join the class. Call Bill or Lorna at 630-606-8051 or you can email them at lornasoderberg@gmail.com.



DISCOVERING PARTNERSHIP

For those of you ready to investigate partnership at New Hope, we are offering a Discovering Partnership Class, on Sunday, January 27th from 12:45 - 2:45 pm. We'll even provide lunch and childcare. You can sign-up at bit.ly/dpcjan19. At this class you'll learn the vision and values of New Hope. We'll explain the five core values, heart attitudes, and theological distinctive our church lives by. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to become a partner of New Hope.

We ♥ Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers and we take pleasure in spotlighting them each week. **This week, we'd like to recognize Derek Knight.** Derek serves on our Guest Services Team. You can usually find him greeting guests at the front door with a smile. When first time guests walk in, he warmly welcomes them, escorting them around New Hope. If they have children, he engages with each one and assists them with the initial check-in process at Kids' Time. Derek is one of our "newer" volunteers, but he truly serves with excellence and we are so appreciative! **Thank you, Derek!** **If you're interested in starting off 2019 serving on a ministry team, contact Carol Ann at carolann.gregoire@newhope.org. She will help you find a team that is right for you!**



Parent Night – It's a Phase, Don't Miss It!

It can be difficult being a parent today. We all want the same things for our kids, we just don't always know how to accomplish it. The church wants to partner with you to give you encouragement, support, and handles on how to successfully parent at every phase of a child's life. **Join us January 17th, at 7 pm, at New Hope Church for a presentation and discussion about how we can work together to make a better future for our kids. The event is free and we'll have childcare for a small fee if you need it. Just sign up when you register. Simply go online to bit.ly/nhclparentnight.**

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