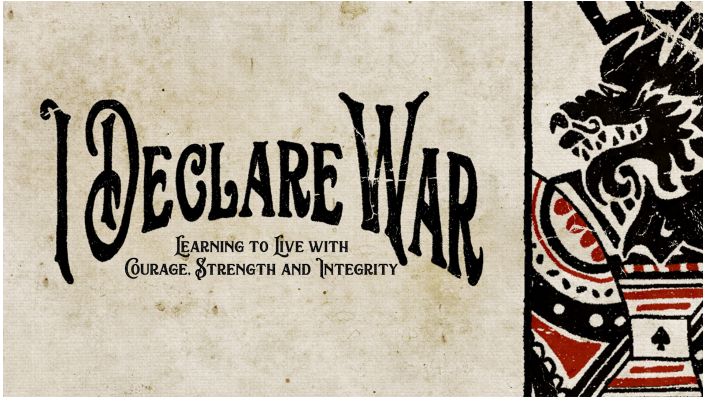


## TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** I Declare War  
**Message:** Actions Speak  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
**Date:** January 19/20, 2019

As Jesus was gaining in influence and popularity, His critics and enemies were doing all they could to try to discredit or embarrass Him. Below is an instance when one of these critics tried to get Jesus to make a public gaffe by getting Him to say things that could be used against Him. This critic was hoping Jesus would leave something essential out and therefore, give fuel to accusing Him of heresy. Instead, Jesus gives an answer that summarizes all the teaching of the Bible clearly and compellingly.

<sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:35-40 (NLT)

You and I can use this as a filter for evaluating our thoughts, words and actions - “Does this lead me to better love God and others?”

Today we are focusing on our actions, and we wrote down some that we believe God wants us to adopt and some we need to consider changing. The following passage reminds us of the reason why we do this.

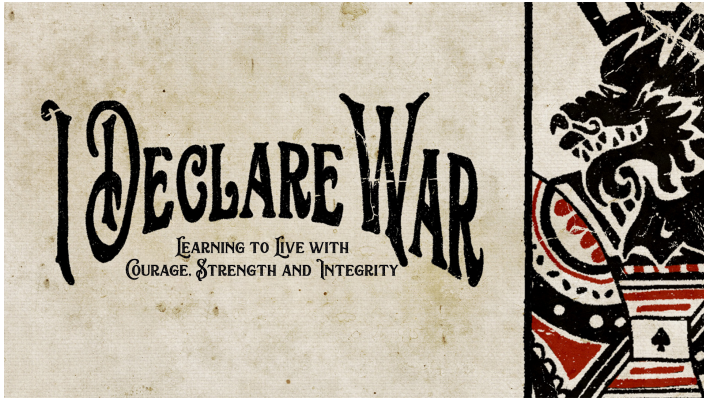
<sup>13</sup> So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. <sup>14</sup> So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. <sup>15</sup> But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. <sup>16</sup> For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:13-16 (NLT)

The word “holy” means something set apart for special use. The idea is that those of us that have accepted Jesus as our Savior and Leader are “set apart” for His purposes and we no longer do things merely because we want to – we want to do what He wants us to do.

Look over the things you considered that you should change or adopt and make sure they are things you believe God would be pleased with. Going to Him in prayer and asking for help is the first step in implementing them. And hang on, next week at the conclusion of the series, we will look at what God provides to make real change possible.

## MESSAGE NOTES



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Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? <sup>15</sup> Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, <sup>16</sup> and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? <sup>17</sup> So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

James 2:14-17 (NLT)

Followers of Jesus are devoted to living to please God in all we do.

<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

Let's be clear, we don't worship the body, but we do worship with it.

I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NLT)

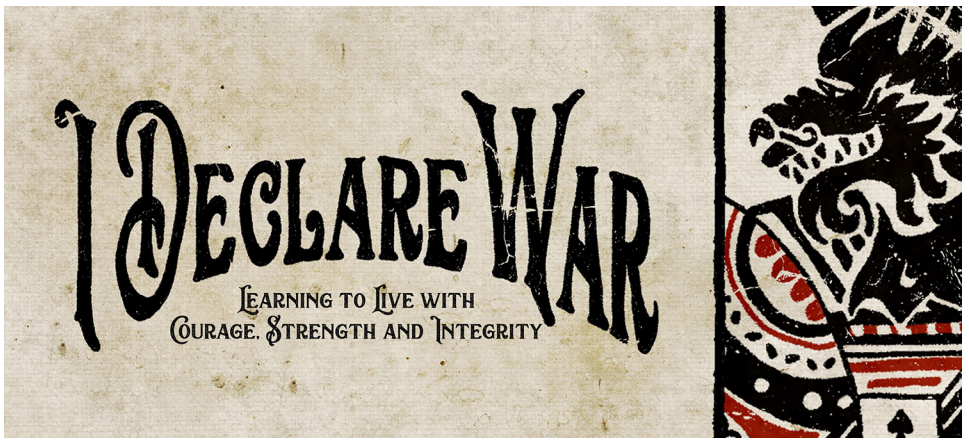
**What are some actions that God would like for me to adopt?**

**What are some things I currently do that He wants me to change?**

Go to [newhope.org](http://newhope.org) and click on messages to download this week's Take Home Sheet or stop by Guest Services to pick one up.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation



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... Actions Speak***- Our actions show what we are made of and where our loyalty really lies. We can learn to be intentional with our choices, which over time can positively affect our behavior and impact on others.

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**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.**

Ladies - Join us for a delicious breakfast, great conversation and a time to recharge and connect with God. We'll be hearing from a panel of New Hope women about being on the outside. Whether it's with our career, our relationship with Jesus, our desire for marriage or motherhood, or sometimes even just being a woman, we can all relate to feeling left out in one way or another. Come and be a part of the dialogue as these women share their experiences and how God walked with them and what they learned. **To register, please go online to [bit.ly/womensbfast2019](http://bit.ly/womensbfast2019).** Email Karenna at [Karenna.rowenhorst@newhope.org](mailto:Karenna.rowenhorst@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, February 10th (NEW DATE!!) 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](mailto:theherzogs1@verizon.net) or let us know on your comm card.**

**Camp Whatakid 2019 (CWAK19) Summer at The Silo Center, will open registration for New Hope Families on Wednesday, January 30th @ 9 pm.** Enrollment for CWAK fills almost instantly, so **if you are interested, please email us at [info@campwhatakid.com](mailto:info@campwhatakid.com)** with your interest so we can send you a PRIORITY registration email link on January 30th at 9 pm. BE SURE TO REGISTER AT 9 PM! Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis.

**If CWAK is new to you, visit [campwhatakid.com](http://campwhatakid.com)** for more information. (CWAK is an eight week summer day camp for rising Kindergartners through rising 7th graders that happens right here at New Hope Church. You can select the weeks you want to attend.)






# 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](mailto:steph.schleyer@newhope.org). **To register for this class, please go to [bit.ly/parentjourney](http://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](mailto:tdolan1@comcast.net). To register for the preview class, please go to [bit.ly/fpupreview2019](http://bit.ly/fpupreview2019). **To register for the nine-week class, please go to [bit.ly/fpuclass2019](http://bit.ly/fpuclass2019).**

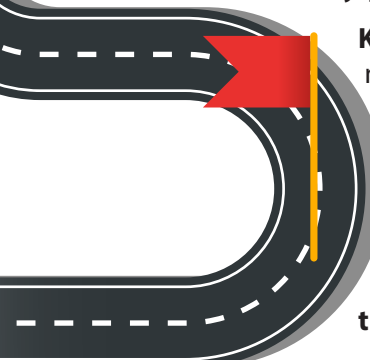




**Core Theology Doctrines-** For those that would like a deep dive, this course, led by Bill Soderberg, will address in detail six major Christian theological topics that are central to the Christian faith, but perhaps not fully understood by most believers. The topics will be covered in six 90-minute 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](mailto:williamsoderberg@cox.net). For a full description of the six topics, please email us at [info@newhope.org](mailto:info@newhope.org). **To sign up, please go online to [bit.ly/coredoc](http://bit.ly/coredoc).**



**Prayer Course-** Want to go deeper in your prayer life? Journey with us through 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](mailto:emokeets@gmail.com). **To register, go online to [bit.ly/prayerjournal2019](http://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](mailto:pendleton.brandon.l@gmail.com). **To register for this class, please go to [bit.ly/kingdommannhc](http://bit.ly/kingdommannhc).**

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**More Information Online At [bit.ly/2019journey](http://bit.ly/2019journey)**

**If you have any questions, please contact Kim Feld, the Executive Director of Education and Outreach, at [kim.feld@newhope.org](mailto:kim.feld@newhope.org).**

# startingpoint®

**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](http://bit.ly/spwinter2019).** Questions? Contact Kim Feld at [kim.feld@newhope.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://bit.ly/kingdommannhc).**



**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](mailto:lornasoderberg@gmail.com).**



**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](http://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.

## Baptism

**We are excited to announce that our first Baptism Celebration Weekend will be on February 23rd and 24th.** Baptism is going public about your faith in Jesus and communicating to the world your heart-felt commitment to following Him. It's the next step after committing your life to Jesus Christ. If this is you and you are 13 years old or older, please join us immediately after each service in the auditorium next weekend, the 26th or 27th. Kids, 12 and under, will meet in the Remix Room after the services next weekend as well.

# 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](mailto:carolann.gregoire@newhope.org). She will help you find a team that is right for you!**

## TAKEOVER MOVIE NIGHT

Students in 6th through 12th Grade

**Sunday, January 20th from 6-8 pm**

**Free popcorn, \$2 candy to raise money for FMSC**

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