

## MESSAGE NOTES



**Series:** Everyday Heroes  
**Message:** The Right Stuff  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
**Date:** July 27/28, 2019

*"Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: "All the king's officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days." So Hathach gave Esther's message to Mordecai. Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him."*

Esther 4:10-17 (NLT)

Never ignore the importance of wise advice.

*"A fool thinks he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others."*

Proverbs 12:15 (TLB)

*"Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise."*

Proverbs 19:20 (NIV)

Never minimize the value of faithfulness.

*"Let nothing move you as you busy yourself in the Lord's work. Be sure that nothing you do for Him is ever lost or wasted."*

1 Corinthians 15:58 (Phillips)

Never forget that God is working behind the scenes.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

*"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

Never underestimate what God can do in and through you.

*Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."*

Mark 10:27 (NIV)

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## TAKE HOME SHEET



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The history in the book of Esther is a strong reminder for us to be faithful to trust and obey God. He is able and willing to do much more than we could even imagine. This episode is regularly celebrated by Jewish people as probably their most joyful holiday of the year – Purim. Here is when it was established:

*<sup>29</sup>Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, along with Mordecai the Jew, wrote another letter putting the queen's full authority behind Mordecai's letter to establish the Festival of Purim. <sup>30</sup> Letters wishing peace and security were sent to the Jews throughout the 127 provinces of the empire of Xerxes. <sup>31</sup> These letters established the Festival of Purim—an annual celebration of these days at the appointed time, decreed by both Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther. (The people decided to observe this festival, just as they had decided for themselves and their descendants to establish the times of fasting and mourning.) <sup>32</sup> So the command of Esther confirmed the practices of Purim, and it was all written down in the records.*

Esther 9:29-32 (NLT)

This week, set aside 30 to 40 minutes to read the short book of Esther. As you do, reflect on the four main people involved. Consider how their actions and motivations impact the situation as it unfolds.

Now, think about a situation in your life that you are facing and ask yourself the following questions:

**Am I willing to pursue getting wise advice to help me navigate?** What does the Bible say about my situation? Who do I know that is spiritually mature that can help me?

**Am I being faithful to trust and obey God with what I already know that I should be doing?** Is honoring God a top priority for me or merely an occasional pursuit?

**What can I do to help me remember that God is at work behind the scenes?** For example, having a friend or two that I confide in and are praying for me. Asking my Small Group to help me stay hopeful is a key benefit of being in a group.

**As you trust and obey God, what might He be working to do in and through your life?** What areas of character and behavior is He working to develop in me? How is He building my "faith muscles"?

Who is watching my life and observing how I handle things? What can they learn/benefit from by my courage, endurance and faithfulness?

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# 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!**

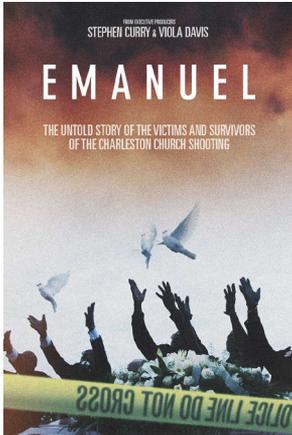


## Women's Summer Social Saturday, July 27th @ 7 pm Bring a lawn chair. Friends are welcome!

Ladies- When was the last time you toasted a s'more under the stars with some girlfriends? We'll have time to hang out with friends, play games and make some new friends, too. Please bring a lawn chair AND a friend with you.

We will meet rain or shine, and no need to RSVP. The event is for women 18 and up and we will not have childcare. Our rain plan will be an indoor ice cream bar and games!

Questions? [Karenna.rowenhorst@newhope.org](mailto:Karenna.rowenhorst@newhope.org).



### Emanuel Conversations

Did you see the movie EMANUEL? Join with Antioch Baptist and Truro Anglican on Saturday, August 3rd as New Hope Church hosts a second gathering to debrief, pray, and discuss the movie. This is an opportunity to connect with our sisters and brothers and to learn from one another. Questions? Please email Karenna at [Karenna.Rowenhorst@newhope.org](mailto:Karenna.Rowenhorst@newhope.org).

August 3rd at 7 pm  
New Hope Church

## FINANCE UPDATE - JUNE OFFERING

**JUNE BUDGET \$192,452**

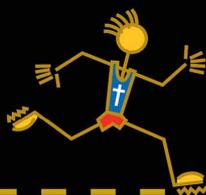
**JUNE ACTUAL \$195,580**

**YTD BUDGET \$1,141,481**

**YTD ACTUAL \$1,095,550**

**YTD OVER/(UNDER) (\$45,931)**

# RUN FOR GOD<sup>®</sup>



Please join us for our Run for God Couch to 5k Group on Monday, July 29th at 7 pm at New Hope. This group will meet on Mondays for 12 weeks leading up to the Hope for Help 5k on October 19th. Questions? Email Tish Keith at [tishaeck@hotmail.com](mailto:tishaeck@hotmail.com) or Kim Feld at [kim.feld@newhope.org](mailto:kim.feld@newhope.org). To register, go to [bit.ly/RUNFORGOD19](http://bit.ly/RUNFORGOD19). Please note the required workbook is \$20. Payment is due at the first group meeting. All are welcome!

## MISSION MUFFINS

Mission Muffins, part of Central Union Mission's Ready2Cook program, is here **next Sunday**. When you purchase their delicious baked goods, you are helping equip a homeless or unemployed individual return to society. Visit the table in the front lobby before or after the service. But don't wait too long - they sell out quickly! You can also order them online before 8 am on Saturday at [missionmuffins.org](http://missionmuffins.org) for Saturday or Sunday pick up.

**Who knew doing good  
could taste so good?**



# We ♥ Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers and enjoy giving them a special shout out. This week, we'd like to recognize **Alyssa and Brian Lapiska**. Alyssa serves on the Sprouts Team. She stepped up in the last year to lead our Sprouts 2 classroom and is always willing to serve above and beyond her commitment. Brian is a valuable part of our Worship Team. He plays multiple instruments and is always willing to serve with a smile on his face. **Thank you, Alyssa and Brian!** If you're interested in getting involved in Kids' Time, please reach out to [Jessica.Woodcock@newhope.org](mailto:Jessica.Woodcock@newhope.org). If you'd like to serve on our Worship or Tech Team, send an email to [worship@newhope.org](mailto:worship@newhope.org).



## GOT 30 SECONDS TO SAVE A LIFE? EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE FOR INOVA BLOOD DONOR SERVICES

Due to an extreme shortage of lifesaving blood products, New Hope is hosting a blood drive on 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](http://bit.ly/2019NHCBLOOD) or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES  
Questions? Email [kim.feld@newhope.org](mailto:kim.feld@newhope.org)

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