

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: He Will Be Our Peace
Message: Peace at Any Price
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: December 8/9, 2018

Peace (def): prosperity, tranquility, quiet, security, harmony

Think about your circle of relationships – family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, classmates etc....

Think about the general pattern of how you relate with these different people. Be honest.

Who are you really honest and forthright with?

Who are you more superficial with?

Are there any you are afraid to be really honest with?

Are there some that you kind of walk over because you can get away with it?

Are there some who walk all over you because you let them?

Now, take a few moments and consider how you relate to these people in light of the passages that we studied in the message.

1. What is a way I could step out and be more truthful in a relationship where I have avoided it merely to “keep the peace” at the expense of love and truth?

2. Who in my circle may be avoiding being truthful with me to avoid my fragility or fury? Am I willing to invite them to be honest with me? [It would have to be with a commitment to humbly listen without arguing!]

*If you are confused or concerned about how to apply this message, ask a wise and trusted friend to help.

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! ¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. ²⁰ Instead, If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.

Romans 12:14-20 (NLT)

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18 (NIV)

We are called by God to pursue peace with everyone and in every way we can.

But we need to do this without sacrificing truth and love – from God's perspective!

Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.
Matthew 10:34 (NLT)

Reasons people opt for faux-peace with others:

To avoid negative repercussions.

Reasons people opt for faux-peace with us:

To avoid our fragility or our fury.

The remedy is to speak the truth in love and to invite it!

This will give us peace with God, as we pursue peace with others.

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation



Week Two: Peace at Any Price

Peace. Many would give almost anything to find some. We look for it in all kinds of places, but the peace we usually find is temporary at best. God sent Jesus to show us how to have full and lasting peace – not somewhere in the distant future, but right now, regardless of our outward circumstances. Thanks for joining us as we discover the gift of peace that can be yours! ***This week... Peace at Any Price.*** When it comes to finding peace, there are no quick fixes. There is “faux” peace that is no peace at all. God gives us the tools to have real peace without sacrificing truth.

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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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!**

Holiday OF HOPE

This Year
Give the Gift of Hope!

Providing Hope for
Families In Our
Immediate Community

We are getting close to the end of our Holiday of Hope outreach to provide local families Christmas this year. We have committed to helping 74 children from 34 families in the local South County School Pyramid. We are over half way to our goal of collecting \$4,600 dollars in vouchers. Will you please consider visiting the link below and help provide hope for a local child?

Although we know that true joy is not found in shiny wrapping paper under a sparkling tree, we also know that parents desire to give good things to their kids - especially at Christmas. Let's provide a Holiday of Hope by helping families in our own backyard. Each \$25 voucher you purchase will provide a wish list item for a family.

All donations and collections (if you took a tag from the tree) need to be turned in by this Sunday, December 9th, so they can be put together and delivered to the families. Please leave the gifts unwrapped, as we are also providing wrapping paper for parents to wrap the presents for their own children.

Thanks for helping to provide a Holiday of Hope.

Visit the kiosks in the front lobby or
go online to bit.ly/nhcholidayofhope

**THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST
CHANCE TO PURCHASE
YOUR VOUCHERS**

themarketplace

EASY WAYS TO FEED KIDS & SHOW LOVE!

Please consider doing your Christmas shopping in our MarketPlace and provide the gift of food along with a present that is sure to bring a smile to the face of your friend, teacher, co-worker or loved one. All proceeds from sales in the MarketPlace help fund the meals we pack with Feed My Starving Children. We have beautiful scarves, bags, jewelry and beaded animals, as well as many Christmas themed decorations and ornaments.

What about those hard to buy for people? We've got you covered! Consider making a donation to our work with Feed My Starving Children for those people on your list. We have gift cards available in the MarketPlace showing the size of donation and how many meals that donation provides. Provide a life changing gift for a child in need today.



This year you have been given a life changing gift!



Women's Wrap & Eat Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 19th
7 pm at New Hope Church



Ladies - join us for our 17th year of wrapping presents for the children of teen parents in a special program called Project Opportunity. It's part of a local alternative high school in Fairfax County that supports teen parents working to finish their high school diploma.

We wrap, eat and enjoy treats! No need to RSVP, just bring an appetizer (last name A-M) or dessert (last name N-Z) to share! Please bring a friend and small groups are welcome to attend together! Email Karenna at karenna.rowenhorst@newhope.org with any questions.



Have you seen the **Family Ministry Advent Calendar** we started giving out last weekend? **You can get one at the Children's Check-in area, at Guest Services, or at nhkidstime.com.** We've already received lots of positive feedback from families enjoying the simplicity of reading a little bit of the Christmas story each day and the activity suggestion to serve others in the community. **We're talking about it and sharing our stories all month long on our Parents of New Hope Facebook page. Please join us- it's more fun to do it together! Facebook. [com/groups/nhcparents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/nhcparents).**

JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE -FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES- 2, 4 AND 6 PM

PRESCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS ONLY AT 2 & 4 PM



LOOKING AHEAD- **The Landing** will not be meeting on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Also, **Lifebound** will not be meeting on December 26th or January 2nd.

Coat Drive

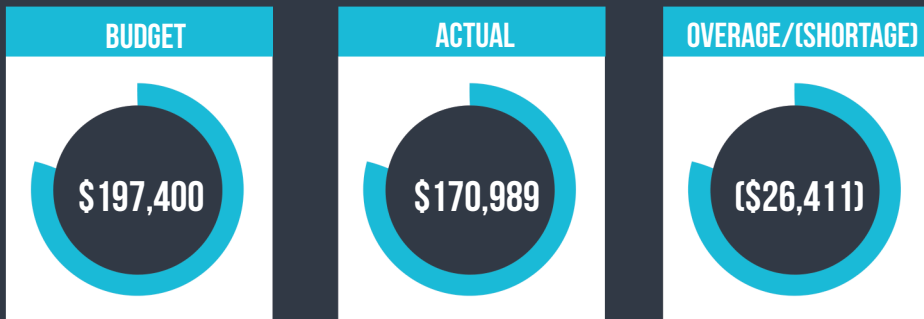
HELP US SHARE THE WARMTH

NEW & GENTLY USED COATS • ALL SIZES | ALL AGES • NOV 24-DEC 16

You can help us spread warmth, because no one should be left out in the cold! Simply go through your closets, **pull out your gently worn coats, and bring them to church between now and December 16th** – it's that easy! We will take all sizes for all ages- including new coats!

When you give to New Hope Church, know that in the big picture every dollar is directly applied to the mission of making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ who are belonging, growing, serving, and reaching. **If you would like to find out more about investing in the local church, please go online to bit.ly/nhcgiving.**

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL OFFERING



2018 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL OFFERING



Our church has a strong history of special year-end giving that helps us to meet current needs and helps start the new year in a positive position. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can make a huge difference with a special year-end gift. To take a deduction for the gift on your 2018 tax return, your gift must be postmarked or received by the church on or before December 31, 2018.

There are two ways to give online: 1) Create an account on the HUB and utilize the secure online giving through New Hope Church's giving platform, or 2) Use your bank's online bill pay platform to give using your checking account. To give electronically, visit newhope.org/giving.

The Partner vote on the 2019 Ministry Plan is this weekend. Partners, please stop by Guest Services to vote. Thanks!



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/nhparentnight.**



WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

We love our volunteers and we take pleasure in spotlighting them each week. **This week, we'd like to recognize Meridith and Andy Piazza who serve with The Landing on Tuesday nights.** Andy serves as a Small Group Leader with High School Boys. His energetic and authentic personality really puts the guys at ease for a great Landing experience. Meridith serves as a childcare lead, caring for the younger siblings. This allows the parents the opportunity to grow and seek connection in the Landing Parents Small Group. We are so grateful for you, Andy and Meridith! **If you are interested in serving on Tuesday nights in the Landing, please contact Wendy Hunt at wendy.hunt@newhope.org.**



**TAKEOVER
WINTER
BASH**

JANUARY 11-13 | STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADE
WATERMARKS CAMP & WINTERGREEN RESORT

**REGISTRATION IS
OPEN AT
[BIT.LY/2019WINTERBASH](https://bit.ly/2019winterbash)**

Hey students in 6th through 12th grade-are you wondering how you're going to kick the New Year off right? Love snow? Skiing? Snowboarding and tubing? Hot chocolate in the lodge? Join us January 11-13 for the 2019 Winter Bash! We will be traveling to Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, Virginia for the weekend, enjoying food, friends, fun and worship. We will leave on Friday afternoon and arrive back Sunday afternoon. The cost for the event which covers food, lodging, transportation, and activities at Watermarks Camp is \$125. The easiest way to sign up is to go online to bit.ly/2019winterbash. The online registration will have all of the information you need to sign up.

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