



**Week 1: Hope**

**Job 5:8-16**

<sup>8</sup>“But if I were you, I would appeal to God;  
I would lay my cause before him.  
<sup>9</sup>He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed,  
miracles that cannot be counted.  
<sup>10</sup>He provides rain for the earth;  
he sends water on the countryside.  
<sup>11</sup>The lowly he sets on high,  
and those who mourn are lifted to safety.  
<sup>12</sup>He thwarts the plans of the crafty,  
so that their hands achieve no success.  
<sup>13</sup>He catches the wise in their craftiness,  
and the schemes of the wily are swept away.  
<sup>14</sup>Darkness comes upon them in the daytime;  
at noon they grope as in the night.  
<sup>15</sup>He saves the needy from the sword in their mouth;  
he saves them from the clutches of the powerful.

<sup>16</sup>So the poor have **HOPE**,  
and **INJUSTICE** shuts its mouth.

**Hope is not found in  
circumstance...**

**Hope is not found in  
others...**

**Hope is found in the  
GOODNESS and POWER  
of God.**

**Job 19:25**  
*I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.*

**Where do you need to receive & offer HOPE this season?**

**How to receive forgiveness from God:**

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

**You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.  
I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior;  
and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In  
your name, Amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

**For Further Reflection:**

*What is a time when you found yourself “in between” need and God’s provision? How did you see him move and work in that time?*

*Read Job 5:8-16 & Job 19:25*

- :: *What sticks out to you or causes you to “pause and process” in your spirit?*
- :: *What are some of God’s character qualities revealed in this passage? How do those qualities impact the way we can hold to hope even in disappointment?*

*Pastor Jeremiah said “living in hope requires us—in the authority of Jesus—to sacrificially shut the mouth of injustice.”*

- :: *What are specific examples of injustice (any violation of another’s rights, inequality, what is due being withheld, a person being used for the selfish gain of another...) you are aware of around you? [If you aren’t aware of any, ask Holy Spirit to give you eyes to see.]*
- :: *What is one way you can practically offer hope there?*
- :: *What is an example of what it might look like to sacrificially “shut the mouth of injustice” in that circumstance?*

*What was your answer to “where do you need to receive hope this season”?  
Find someone to pray for you and check in on regarding this area throughout the holidays.*

Unless otherwise noted, today’s Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].  
Pastor Jeremiah X. Gómez (@jxgomez) – November 28, 2021  
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**CHRISTMAS BOXES**

*Heritage wants to partner with YOU in tangibly blessing to those in your circle of influence. Pick up a box along with a \$10 cash investment from Heritage toward helping another individual or family. Know God sees them, loves them, and cares for them. Boxes are available following services in campus lobbies and throughout the week at BridgePointe 485.*

**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND FOOD PACKING – December 4**

*Help us provide 40,000 meals for food, to insecure families. This is a great “family serve.”*

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS – December 5**

*Share in a meal and journey with others, receiving great handholds for navigating the holiday season as you process loss and family challenges.*