



January 24, 2021

Hope for the Hopeless

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed."

Psalms 103:13-14

Discouragement, hopelessness, despair—so many situations in this fallen world can make us feel this way. Problems and struggles can wear us down physically, emotionally, and mentally—and can even erode our faith.

But God, our loving heavenly Father, understands our feelings at times like these, and He wants to encourage and

help us. After all, His Son, Jesus Christ, went through the same experiences we do—although without sinning (Hebrews 4:15).

We are never alone when we know Christ, and we can trust Him to lead us and point the way out of our dilemma.

Life sometimes takes us through hard places. But even in the midst of them, God is with us, and nothing can happen to us that is beyond His ability to help.

The Bible says we can "rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces

perseverance; perseverance character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4). Being joyful may seem hard to you right now, but put your hope in Christ, and thank Him that He will never abandon you.

Billy Graham
"Wisdom for Today"

We are having in person church services at CCNB

Face coverings over the mouth and nose continue, as well as socially distanced seating.

FM transmission on 89.1 is available for those that prefer "drive in" church.

Fellowship outside by the fireplace will follow

Watch Sunday Service on:



YouTube

Be a Disciple, Make a Disciple Mt 28

Calvary Chapel New Buffalo

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

Fellowship

Along with devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching, the believers were devoted to fellowship. Biblical fellowship is not just coffee and donuts, or a meal in the fellowship hall. Fellowship is the sharing of our lives with other believers. You'll never grow to full maturity in Jesus Christ all by yourself. You cannot become a disciple of Jesus Christ independently of others. It is the "fireplace" where one log touches another and the fire is maintained. If you are getting dull in your spiritual life, you need to be in proximity to others who are on fire so their fire can ignite you. If you are losing your spiritual fire and you're alone, you're going to become ashes.

We need each other because the best of us can get spiritually dull and want to throw in the towel. Alone, the best of us sometimes fall flat on our faces. The Bible reminds us, "Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12) because falling is often right around the corner. Fellowship in the Bible was designed to show you that you need other believers. You can't make it on your own, and neither can I.

Part 2—Discipleship by Tony Evans



God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you... 1 Samuel 12:23

Please pray with us

- Please pray for Tim as he recovers from oral surgery
- Pray for those being vaccinated against Covid 19. May they be well
- Pray for Dee's friends who lost their brother to Covid 19. Dee is asking for prayer for the family
- Pray for the Country as it transitions to a new President
- Pray for those that are suffering in the silence of depression and sadness. May the Lord touch their hearts and bring a healing balm to hurting hearts.
- Pray for those that have lost their jobs in this economy.
- As always we lift up the Church, it's Pastor and it's Elders as it starts 2021 "in times of great difficulty" 2 Tim 3