BUILD UP TO REACH OUT

An Anchored Life

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Questions based on the sermon from May 25, 2025

Getting to Know Me

1. Which of God's promises have helped anchor you in hard seasons? How did has this grown your faith?

2. When did you most clearly sense God's presence in a time of waiting?

Digging Deeper

3. According to Romans 15:13, where does our confident hope come from?

4. Hebrews 6:19 calls hope "*a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls*." What does that image mean to you – and how have you seen it in your life?

5. Psalm 119:81 says, "*I am worn out waiting… but I have put my hope in your word*." When have you felt that tension of being worn out yet hopeful, and what helped you hold onto hope?

6. Romans 5:3-5 shows how suffering leads to hope.
   - How does that process shape us?
   - Why do you think hope "*will not disappoint*"?
   - Where do you see yourself in this process right now – enduring trial, growing in character, or holding onto hope?

7. Psalm 62:5 connects quietness and hope. How well do you allow yourself to rest and be still with God? Why might stillness and resting in God help us anchor our hope in God alone?

Making it Personal

8. We've spent the last few weeks talking about faith. Hebrews 11:1 defines *faith* as "being sure of what we hope for…" How do *faith* and *hope* relate to one another in your life?

9. Titus 2:13 speaks of our "*blessed hope*" of Jesus returning to make all things new. What does it look like to live with this hope in view daily? How could it shift your perspective today?

10. How can the desire for a "heavenly country" (in Hebrews 11:13, 16) shape how we live today – as a pilgrim, not a settler?

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11. How might this season stretch our hope – not just for a building, but for what God wants to build in us personally and through us in the community?

12. How does hope (Hebrews 6:19) keep us steady and expectant for how God is preparing us for greater Kingdom impact?

Prayer

"Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him" (Psalm 62:5).

Take a few moments to be quiet with the Lord. Talk to him, breathe deeply and listen for his still, small voice.

After a few moments in silence before God, slowing down in his presence, close up in prayer together.

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