

SERMON SERIES: BOLD: Courageous Living in a Chaotic World

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“Holding onto Hope”

Introduction

This week we are starting a new series entitled BOLD: Courageous Living in a Chaotic World. In a world that throws so many things at us, how can we stand strong in the midst of chaos? We will be diving into various ways that I Peter provides us with the answer over the next five weeks.

- What was one thing you hoped you would experience in your lifetime and it came to flourish? What was that experience and did it meet your expectations?

Seek the Word

- Read I Peter 1:3. How does the word Hope change for you when you look at it as a noun and not a verb?
- I Peter 1:4,5 speak of our inheritance by God's power. What is a key word or thought from this passage that speaks to you in regards to your inheritance?
- I Peter 1:6-7. Can you look back and see a time when you could have rejoiced in the trials but you chose to live in fear or anger. Share that experience.

Go Deeper

Read John 6. Take a look at all the individuals involved with this encounter. Dig deeper into each individual decision and how you may have had similar decisions at some point in your life.

Talk About It

- When you look at your past with Jesus, how have you allowed your circumstances to affect your relationship with God? With others?
- Share a time that you allowed God's power to live through you and you saw the results of what God was doing?
- How are you doing with the anchor of the present? What challenges/sins are you faced with currently that you need God to refine in you?
- As you look to your future in Christ, what are some things that you can rejoice about? What are some areas that you may be concerned about?
- Of the three anchors: past, present and future, which one resonates with you the most? Which one do you need to surrender to God for continued refinement? Why?

Wrap Up

Reminder: The chaos that this world can throw at you on a daily basis holds nothing to the power and promise that can be found in a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. He has purchased your life with His sacrifice on the cross. All we need to do is find Hope in Him when we feel hopeless.

Challenge: Release to God the one area in your life that you need to place your hope in Jesus more. Thank Him for the opportunity to come to Him when we feel hopeless.