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WINNING BATTLES YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE

Unleashing **HOPE**

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love."
1 Corinthians 13:13*

1. Are My Spiritual Batteries Recharged?

Isaiah 40:31

The 7 Generations

- 1960s Americans Lost Authority
- 1970s Americans Lost Love
- 1980s Americans Lost Values
- 1990s Americans Lost Faith
- 2000s Americans Lost Security
- 2010s Americans Lost Hope

2. Am I Living to Make Great Things Happen?

Ephesians 2:10

1 Corinthians 15:58

"This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one: the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap, and being a force of nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy."

George Bernard Shaw

3. Am I Future Focused?

Philippians 3:13

Mark 1:17

"Beware of spending too much time looking back at what you once were, when God wants you to become something you have never been!"

Oswald Chambers



Week of February 18
"Real Hope"



Study the Word

What is hope?

The word "hope" commonly means "wishful thinking" or "to desire with anticipation." The word "hope" in the Bible ("elpis" - Greek), means "confidence toward the future." Look at these verses and make note of who has "hope," why they have it, and what it looks like.

Galatians 5:5

Ephesians 2:12

Colossians 1:5

1 Timothy 4:10

Titus 1:2; 2:11-13

Hebrews 10:23

1 Peter 1:3, 13

Those “in Christ” are called to share this hope. What do we learn from these Scriptures?

Ephesians 1:18

Colossians 1:27

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

1 Timothy 5:5; 6:17

1 Peter 3:15

1 John 3:3



Discuss Together

If hope is ‘confidence in our future,’ what are other places that people put their confidence?

From Scriptures you read above, how can we share the hope that we have in Christ? What enables us? What is necessary?

Why does it feel difficult to share the hope we have? What might change this?



Pray

- Pray for the people in your world who might be without hope
- Pray through Ephesians 1:18 -19 for one another and Trinity Church



Apply It This Week

Walk through your week, praying for the people you think are without hope.