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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Life WITH Hope

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Genesis 1:1-2a (NIV)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep

Revelations 21:2-4 (NIV)

² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Psalms 42:5-6a (NIV)

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
⁶ My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you

Mark 4:35-38 (NIV)

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."
³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

Matthew 22:36-39 (NIV)

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Read Revelations 21:2-4 & 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. Describe your hope for the future. How real does it feel for you today?
- 2) Read Mark 4:35-41. How is your day to day hope in life today? What are the things that chip away at your hope? How can others come around you to encourage you?
- 3) Are there people in your life (family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates) who are lacking hope for the future or today? Can you name and pray for them? Are you willing to invite them to join you on a Sunday morning with the hope that they'd be encouraged to hope through Journey?



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