

Sunday Morning | July 30, 2017



HOW'S YOUR HOPE QUOTIENT?

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11

INSIGHT: Your "HQ" or Hope Quotient is more valuable to your future than your IQ!

QUESTION: Why do some people thrive emotionally, seem happier, more fulfilled?

TRUTH: Thriving people thrive for one reason: Hope.

INSIGHT: It's what you know that gets you through the inevitable tough times of life (2 Corinthians 1:7).

I. GOD WITH ME IS MY PEACE.

TRUTH: Most questions of our lives will never be answered down here.

THE STAGES OF GRIEF:

1. Shock
2. Sorrow

INSIGHT: Grief is good because it's the journey out of loss.

3. Struggle

TRUTH: The test of our faith is when no answer comes because we're not going to get an answer.

4. Surrender

TRUTH: Surrender is the only path to peace in the midst of loss.

5. Sanctification

6. Service

TRUTH: God wants to use our mess for a message to a lost and dying world.

II. THIS WORLD IS BROKEN, BUT GOD IS GOOD AND HAS A PLAN.

TRUTH: God made earth and life perfect, but sin broke it all (Isaiah 24:5, 19).

TRUTH: Joy in a broken world comes in knowing that God is good and has a purpose and plan (Romans 8:28).

INVITATION: How we live in hope in the midst of pain:

1. You can give up on God, you can believe He didn't come through, but if you really belong to Him that won't satisfy.
2. You can blame yourself. Your situation is because of you, you failed in some way.
3. You can embrace mystery knowing that one day in His presence all will be made clear and because you love Him, you'll wait (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 14).