

HELD TOGETHER



ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD

May 17 & 18, 2025

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As old as the cross, the <u>anchor</u> symbolized hope for early Christians.

Psalm 119:81 (GW)

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Ephesians 4:14 (TEV/NLT)

Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by making a lie sound like the truth.

3 External Reasons I Lose Hope:

- Problems discourage me.
- People disappoint me.
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God Says I Am:

- Valuable Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV)
- Forgiven Romans 8:1 (NIV)
- Accepted Titus 3:7 (NIV)
- <u>Capable</u> 2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NIV)
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- Loveable Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)
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- Worth dying for Romans 5:8 (NIV)

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- · Who created me
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Plant my mission in God's purpose for me.

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4 Realities from Acts 13:36

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Finishing the Task (FTT)

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- Spend less time on Facebook (social media) and more time with your face in the Good Book.
- · What I talk about most determines my mission.

Acts 1:6 (NLT)

The last question of the disciples was political.

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

Acts 1:7-8 (NLT)

The last response of Jesus was missional.

He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

4 Targets for My Mission

- Start where I live.
- Go to those in my <u>state</u>.
- Go to those who are <u>not</u> like me. (racially, sexually, politically, financially, etc.)
- Go to the rest of the world. (Finishing the Task)

How: Share my testimony of salvation.

3 Steps to Share My Story:

- Share what my life was like before I trusted in Jesus.
- Share what my life was like when I trusted in Jesus.
- Share how my life has changed since I trusted in Jesus.

Acts 1:14 (GW)

The apostles had a single purpose as they devoted themselves to prayer. They were joined by some women, including Mary (the mother of Jesus), and they were joined by his brothers.

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We've been in the last days for 2,000 years.

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Acts 24:15 (NCV)

I have the same hope in God that they have—the hope that all people, good and bad, will surely be raised from the dead.

Make the right <u>choice</u> about Jesus, because eternity is a long time to be wrong.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

Anchor my life to the Word of God and I will never fear death.

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But we belong to the day, so we should control ourselves. We should wear faith and love to protect us, and the hope of salvation should be our helmet.

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For a number of days we couldn't see the sun or the stars. The storm wouldn't let up. It was so severe that we finally began to lose any hope of coming out of it alive.

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