

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

You are Good, Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb, Mighty to Save

## WELCOME

**Stuck.** What do you do when you get stuck?

## WORD

### JOHN 5:24

<sup>24</sup> *“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”*

We may sometimes feel physically, emotionally, financially or spiritually stuck in our lives. We may even believe there is no hope. But though we feel helpless or think that our situation is hopeless, there is always hope in God because of who He is.

### JESUS IS SOVEREIGN

The Bible is very clear about the sovereignty of God. He accomplishes His purpose for His pleasure. It is written in **Isaiah 46:10**, “My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.”

God has the power to do what He wants (**Daniel 4:35**); He is truly in control. It is important to have a proper view of who He is. Wrong theology produces wrong thinking, which can result in wrong behavior. Having the correct view of God helps our faith grow.

Jesus is sovereign over all things, neither answerable nor accountable to anyone except to Himself. Jesus tells us that we can place our hope in Him; His purpose for our lives will never change, and it will be accomplished. Our hope in Jesus is like an anchor, giving us assurance that as storms come to our lives, He is sure and steadfast (**Hebrews 6:17-19**).

### BIBLICAL FAITH AND HOPE

Faith and hope are two sides of the same coin.

Many of us have made bad choices that cause us to feel stuck and discouraged. This can happen when we do not study the Bible, when we do not know who God is or have a firm understanding of Biblical faith.

“Faith is the assurance of the things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (**Hebrews 11:1**).

Without faith, we cannot please God. We must believe that Jesus is God, that He rewards us when we seek Him (**Hebrews 11:6**).

To have Biblical faith, we need to know Jesus through studying His Word. We cannot trust Him if we do not know Him. As we get to know the truth about who Jesus really is, our lives will be changed.

Faith cannot exist without hope, and vice versa. We must have hope in what God has promised to do. For Christians, we know what God has promised. So when we go through problems in life, we can rely on God to give us the strength to keep going.

Biblical hope is having certainty anchored on the promises of God. It is a trusting, positive expectation that whatever God does and allows in our life is ultimately the best for us and for His glory. Biblical hope is not trying to force God to do what we want Him to do. We hope because “we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (**Romans 8:28**).

### HOPE IN JESUS

We can learn Biblical faith and hope from two men who were stuck in their situation but got out of it:

#### 1. A Rich Man (**John 4:46-54**)

A rich official's son was sick and dying, so he traveled a great distance to see Jesus. The man implored Him to come heal his son. Jesus told him to go; his son would live. The man believed Him, and His son lived, healed that very hour. The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to Him. That is faith.

## WORD (cont'd)

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (**Romans 10:17**). Faith is not based on feelings or how hard you believe. Instead, it is based on how reliable the object of your faith is. The object of our faith is grounded in the Word of God.

### **2. A Lame Man (John 5:1-9)**

Beside the pool of Bethesda were many sick people waiting to for the water to move, which they believed would be able to heal them. There was a lame man who had been ill for 38 years. Jesus said to him: “Get up, pick up your mat and walk.”

The man immediately became well, got up, picked up his mat and walked. When Jesus found him afterward, He said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore.”

Like the man, some of us have been stuck for a long time, feeling hopeless and helpless. We may not want to get up or seek change because we do not have hope that our lives could be better in Jesus.

God asks us if we want to get well, but He will not force us if we do not want to. He will invite us to follow Him, but the choice is still ours.

When God instructs us, we should obey. To hope in Jesus does not mean to become passive. Jesus will do His part, but we should do our part as well. We can have hope anchored on the character and the promises of God.

Instead of being paralyzed by our failures or fears, we should have faith and hope in Jesus. He is in control. We can rest in His sovereignty.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

- 1. Hear and Believe.** According to **John 5:24**, who has eternal life? How does one have the hope of eternal life?
- 2. Anchor of Hope.** Where is your hope anchored during storms of life?
- 3. Glorious Hope.** Have you experienced the glorious hope in Christ? How can you impart it with others?

## WORKS

### **THE BEST IS YET TO COME**

List down your “hope list” in Christ. Write down His attributes and His promises as the anchor of hope in your life.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS**

#### **I. Thanksgiving**

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

#### **II. Country and the World**

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### **III. Church**

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

#### **IV. CCF Facilities**

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### **V. Personal Concerns**

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends