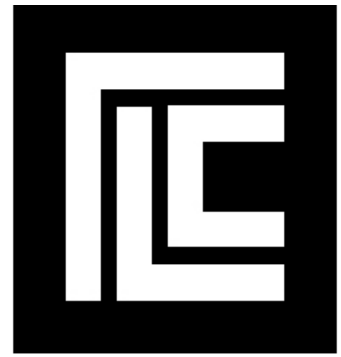


A Thrill of Hope: When Hope Feels Heavy

December 18, 2022

Luke 7:18-23



Sometimes hope feels heavy. On Sunday, we acknowledged the difficulty of suffering and the fact that suffering doesn't care if it's December 25th or not; it still exists. John the Baptist was all too familiar with great suffering. After boldly announcing and proclaiming that Jesus was the messiah and was coming, he found himself questioning if hope had really arrived.

Getting Started

What are you most excited about for the holiday season with Christmas and New Year's Eve coming up?

Read

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Digging Deeper

- We watched an incredibly difficult testimony on Sunday. What do you do (or what have you done in the past) when it feels like the difficulty of your situation exceeds the strength of your faith?
- Jesus was who John expected to be, but just didn't do what Jesus expected. What did you expect Jesus to do when you got serious about your faith? What about today?
- Toran closed the message with three questions to reflect on. Which of these stick out most to you in this season? Why?
 1. Is there something in your heart that is keeping you from welcoming Jesus this season?
 2. Is there an expectation of Jesus that you need to have this season?
 3. Is this a season that you need to hang onto faith?



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