

“If We Hope”
If Sermon Series
April 29th & May 1st, 2016

Intro

We make many decisions out of _____

Fear is living a _____sighted life

Hope is living a _____sighted life

Scripture

“I consider that the _____ of this present time are not worth comparing with the _____ about to be revealed to us.”
(Romans 8:18)

Fear is based on a ‘myth of _____’ -Walter Brueggemann

“Shall we die before your eyes, both we and our land? _____ us and our land in exchange for food. We with our land will become _____ to Pharaoh...”
(Genesis 47:19)

Hope is based on ‘liturgy of _____’ -Walter Brueggemann

“[God] brought [Abram] outside and said, ‘Look toward heaven and count the _____, ...So shall your descendants be.’”
(Genesis 15:5)

“For the _____ waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God”
(Romans 8:19)

-Christian hope will cause _____ and _____

“Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the _____ that is in you...”
(1 Peter 3:15)

“Now _____ that is seen is not _____”
(Romans 8:24-25)

Action Step

-Hope _____ you are

Ask, “If I were doing this in _____, what would I do?”

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Trading Your *If Only*
For God’s *What If*
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I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:18-25



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