SUNDAY 03/03/24

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WELCOME TO Jubilee Christian Centre Fresh starts. Good friends. Real purpose.

We honor you...if it's your first visit or you have been here on several occasions. We believe you are a gift from God and strive to provide:

- -A warm welcome
- -Biblical teaching
- -Uplifting music

Know that we are here to help you know

ICC Ladies

Bible St. Journaling

You are invited to a once-a-month Bible Journal Class at Pastor Phylis' house on the THIRD THURSDAY each month, February-April. Each session would consist of a study topic, discussion, prayer, and time for creative journaling. ..ultimately you choose your journal as you please—then continue to add to your journal through the week.





WHEN I FEEL LIKE GIVING UP

Mar 03 » It's Not Too Late Mar 10 » What to Do When I'm Running Out of Everything

Mar 17 » What to Do When
I Can't See My Way

Mar 24 » Palm Sunday Mar 31 » Easter

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION □ Walter Miner III □ Gearen Family □ Tom M. □ Stein Family □ Ryan K. □ Tyler M. □ Mandy W. □ Dave. O	
HEALTH ISSUES —————	
Art B. » Health Issues	Lucille S. » Health Issues
Armando » Back Issues	Laura S. » Health Issues
Mandy W. » Cancer	Augustin A. » Sobriety
Merle » Health Issues	Hector S. » Job Issues
Carlos V. » Health Issues	Walter Miner III. » Health Issues
Angie & Family » Life Issues	Ken R. » Surgery
Bob A. Healing/Kidney	Peggy K. » Knee Procedure
Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg	
Robert G. » Health Issues	
Kevin K. » Health Issues	
Angela A. » Health Issues	
Michelle H. » Leukemia	

METRICS THAT MATTER (02/25/24

ATTENDANCE > 39 GIVING > \$1,426 GUESTS > 7*

VOLUNTEERS > 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST > 0



Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invide us. Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. Habakkuk 3:16b-19

The prophet Habakkuk's description of the situation basically reads like the Hebrew version of a bad country song: My wife left me, I lost my job, my truck broke down, and my dog died.

HOPE WORKS MIRACLES!

Habakkuk didn't let the darkness surrounding him crush his spirit; neither did he shrug it off with vain platitudes about "better days ahead." He looked destruction straight in the eye and still had the strength to say, "I will take joy." That's life-giving hope.

Here's what we can learn about hope when we feel like giving up:

1. HOPE IN THE FUTURE LEADS TO PRAYER IN THE PRESENT (3:1-2)

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

2. HOPE COMES FROM REMEMBERING AND REPEATING (3:3-15)

We need to learn a lesson from what Habakkuk did here. He wasn't simply creating a response to evil; he was rehearsing the Exodus, remembering and repeating God's past faithfulness. God's past faithfulness leads to hope in the darkest of present frustrations.

3. HOPE CAN EXIST ALONGSIDE GRIEF (3:16)

There's a real danger in Christian talk of implying that faith is some kind of stiff-upper-lipped stoicism or that being filled with sorrow is somehow a lack of faith. That's not what you see in the Bible. I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.

4. HOPE IS A CHOICE (3:18)

Rejoicing is not a description of the feelings you have. It is a choice to posture your heart to what you know to be true, even when you don't feel it. You probably most need the command precisely when you least feel it. yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

5. THE HEIGHTS OF HOPE COME FROM THE DEPTHS OF FAITH (3:19)



There are aspects of God you can only know when your fields are empty and there's no cattle in your stall. When your marriage is broken or you feel alone. When injustice seems to win, again. When you want to respond like Job, falling to the ground and tearing your clothes. God wants you to have a faith that dwells in the mountaintops and feet like a deer's, but the only way he can get you there is through trial. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.



It's fun - It's Bible Study!

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>>> Session (**

Prayer & Sharing 10 minutes
Topical study 10-15 minutes
Discussion 5-10 minutes
Journal work 25-30 minutes



If interested, please sign up on the clipboard in the vestibule and indicate whether evening or daytime would work best for you: Thursday 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Blessings, Partor Phylis