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Refocus on the Future

This past weekend Pastor Ken continued a five-week series about increasing hope in our lives entitled, Great Expectations. Over these five weeks, we invite you to answer these questions with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together during this series.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, 1 Peter 1:3 NLT

1. If you want to keep hope alive in your heart you have to refocus on the future (read Jeremiah 29:11).
2. When there is no faith or hope for the future there is no power for the present. We are made to move forward so a crisis doesn't have to set you back, instead it can move you forward (read Joshua 1:2).
3. God wants us to see more than what is, He wants us to see what this can become (read Matthew 9:9-13).
When Jesus saw Matthew he didn't see what he was, He saw what he could become. This is the question that keeps hope alive in your heart. Is there something or someone in your life that you need to ask this question?
4. Grace gives you the power to rise above something you regret or a painful past so you can move forward with your life and the hope of a better future (read Philippians 3:13-14). Is there something in your life right now that you need to be free from?
5. It is hard to move forward when you keep looking back at your life instead of what is ahead. It is grace that gives you the power to refocus on the future. We can't change the past but we can win tomorrow. Break up into groups of two and share with each other about something you need to stop looking back at so you can focus on the future. Then, pray for each other and receive the grace you need from God to move forward with your life.

Close in prayer