

**Sunday Series: “Harvest of Hope”**

**Message Summary:** Hopelessness in America today is a huge issue. Join Pastor Paul on this Hope Chapel series to see how we can have a contagious hope that fights back the fear of the unknown. Replace panic with peace. Replace anxiety with comfort. Replace the “what-ifs” with faith in what God can do.

## Hope in a Hopeless World

### Romans 15:13

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#### 1. What is Hopelessness?

**Proverbs 13:12** – “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.”

**There are so many different ways that hope can be shattered.**

1. Broken bodies

- a) Sickness
- b) Disease
- c) Disaster

2. Broken Homes

- a) Divorce
- b) Violence
- c) Debt
- d) Death

3. Broken lives

- a) Drugs
- b) Alcohol
- c) Crime
- d) Bereavement
- e) Desertion

4. Broken dreams

- a) Ambition
- b) Failure
- c) Defeat
- d) Disappointment

**Psalm 13:1-6** – “How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O LORD my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed against him”; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.”  
vv.5,6 – But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.”

## **A. Feeling Alienated from God**

**Psalm 13:1,2** - How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

## **B. Listening to Our Own Thoughts Rather than God's Thoughts.**

**Psalm 13:2** - How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

## **C. Wishing to Die.**

**Psalm 13:3** – “Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the sleep of death”

## **D. Feeling Like There is No Foundation**

**Psalm 13:4** - Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed against him”; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

**Romans 15:13** – “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

### **LifeGroup QUESTIONS:**

BEGIN IT – (5min) Time for one praise song & opening prayer.

- OPEN IT- (10min) - How has the coronavirus situation affected your day- to-day so far?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) – Review Sunday's sermon outline and answer the following questions. Make sure to give time for individual comments and questions:

1. Would you say you're more of a hopeful person or a fearful person? Why so?
2. How can a strong Christian use his or her strength to bring hope to other Christians that waver in hopelessness?
3. How have other Christians helped you through difficult circumstances?
4. How can you rely more on God instead of yourself in times of hardship or hopelessness?

APPLY IT- (15min) - Try reaching out to a family member, friend, or neighbor this week and find out whether there's some way you can safely serve them in the days to come. Invite them to Hope Chapel's Harvest of Hope month.