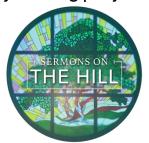
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HOW'S YOUR HOPE QUOTIENT?

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11

INSIGHT: Your "HQ" or Hope Quotient is more valuable to your future than your IQ!

QUESTION: Why do some people thrive emotionally, seem happier, more fulfilled?

TRUTH: Thriving people thrive for one reason: Hope.

INSIGHT: It's what you know that gets you through the inevitable tough times of life (2 Corinthians 1:7).

I. GOD WITH ME IS MY PEACE.

TRUTH: Most guestions of our lives will never be answered down here.

THE STAGES OF GRIEF:

- 1. Shock
- 2. Sorrow

INSIGHT: Grief is good because it's the journey out of loss.

3. Struggle

TRUTH: The test of our faith is when no answer comes because we're not going to get an answer.

4. Surrender

TRUTH: Surrender is the only path to peace in the midst of loss.

- 5. Sanctification
- 6. Service

TRUTH: God wants to use our mess for a message to a lost and dying world.

II. THIS WORLD IS BROKEN, BUT GOD IS GOOD AND HAS A PLAN.

TRUTH: God made earth and life perfect, but sin broke it all (Isaiah 24:5, 19).

TRUTH: Joy in a broken world comes in knowing that God is good and has a purpose and plan (Romans 8:28).

INVITATION: How we live in hope in the midst of pain:

- 1. You can give up on God, you can believe He didn't come through, but if you really belong to Him that won't satisfy.
- 2. You can blame yourself. Your situation is because of you, you failed in some way.
- 3. You can embrace mystery knowing that one day in His presence all will be made clear and because you love Him, you'll wait (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 14).