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Title: "Hope Anchored in His Life"

Text: Hebrews 11:8-12:2

1. Our hope for **HEAVEN** is anchored in the **REST-GIVING** life of Jesus, 11:8-16 (*see also 4:1-11; Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 21:1-4*).
2. Our hope for **THIS LIFE** is anchored in the **RESURRECTED** life of Jesus, 11:17-19 (*see also John 8:51-58; Romans 4:18-25; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:12-23; 2 Cor. 4:10-18; 1 Peter 1:21*).
3. Therefore, **FIX** your eyes on the **REIGNING** life of Jesus, 12:1-2 (*see also 1:3; 2:9; Acts 2:33-39; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; Colossians 3:1-4*).

FOR FURTHER STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. When you think of "rest," what comes to mind? What are you doing in your rest? How is heaven a place of rest for the follower of Jesus? What are we resting from? Why is our hope for rest in heaven anchored to the death and resurrection of Jesus? What did Jesus accomplish that provides that rest for you? As you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, make sure to thank Him for the "rest" He has provided for you.
2. According to Hebrews 11:17–19, how did Abraham's faith in God's power to raise the dead strengthen his obedience? How does faith in God's resurrection power affect your daily decisions? In other words, what decisions do you make on a regular basis that are anchored in your faith that there is resurrection life for those who are in Christ? What decisions might suggest that you do not believe in the resurrection, and that you are holding on to this life as though it is all there is? Why is believing in the resurrection of Jesus so important for our faith in our own resurrection? Ask the Lord to reveal areas in your life where you are not living by faith in this, and confess them, asking Him to strengthen your faith.
3. Hebrews 12 builds on the examples given in chapter 11 of "witnesses" who trusted in God. What are they witnesses to? How is their witness encouraging to both our faith and hope? In light of their witness, what instructions are we given in 12:1–2, and why must we look to Jesus to follow them? What does fixing our eyes on Jesus actually look like on a daily basis? What is one area in your life where you can fix your eyes on Jesus this week?
4. Why is Jesus sitting at the right hand of God so significant for our faith and hope, and why is the resurrection necessary for that to happen? What does this tell you about the importance of Resurrection Sunday? How is it encouraging to know that, no matter what happens in this world, Jesus is reigning at the right hand of God?

NEXT WEEK: "This Place is Awesome!" - Genesis 28:10-22, Pastor Andy McClellan

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