THE MESSAGE

Better Than We Had Hoped Tom Hughes

1. Jesus wants you to count more on
for than even
for Him.
2. Whenever you have misplaced confidence, you will always
3. Misplaced confidence reveals itself through the constant practice of
4. True frees you to take
place in God's

John 21:15-23 (NRSV) - 15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' 16A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' 17He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep, 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

²⁰Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' 21When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' ²³So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

MESSAGE NOTES

Matthew 26:33 (NLT) - Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you."

Mark 14:31 (NRSV) - But Peter said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same.

John 15:5b (NKJV) - Without Me you can do nothing.

Mark 14:38 (NIV) - Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

John 18:10-11 (NRSV) - 10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. ¹¹Jesus said to Peter, 'Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?'

John 1:42 (NIV) - "You are Simon son of John You will be called Peter," which by interpretation means "Rock."

Acts 17:6b (NRSV) - These are they who have turned the world upside down.

1 Peter 5:5b-10 (NIV) - 5bAll of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for vou.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

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Financial Update

2024 General Budget: \$9.100.000.00

YTD 03.31.2024 - Requirement: \$2,275,000.00

YTD 03.31.2024 - Offering: \$2,440,912.41

March Kingdom Offering: \$67,418.30 YTD Kingdom Offering: \$248,459.31



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Service Times:

- Saturdays | 6pm (south)
- Sundays | 9am (south)
- Sundays | 11:15am (north & south)
- Sunday [Fusion, 18-35] | 6pm (north)

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Welcome

April 20 & 21, 2024

Worship God Become part of His Family Extend His Kingdom

WELCOME!

INFORMATION

OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace** compels us to lead spiritually convinced and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

Enjoy the service!

Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill Co-Lead Pastors

NEW?

- We'd love to meet you! Stop by our New People's Table in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.
- There is a Connection Card in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the dropbox at the New People's Table.
- If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a family room that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private nursing room for mothers. The courtyard is also available with a live feed. Just ask an usher!

BETTER THAN WE HAD HOPED

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The Resurrection of Jesus was not the end of the story. Join us as we continue in our new series: **Better Than We Had Hoped.** We will see where Jesus went and what He did after he rose and left an empty tomb. Each time the risen Jesus encountered people, He helped them overcome challenges of fear, worry, doubt, disappointment and more. The same risen Jesus who encountered them also comes to encounter us too, in ways that are better than we had hoped or could even imagine. Invite a friend and join us!



The Relationship Center (TRC) is hosting a 5-week class *Before-"I Do"* for pre-engaged and/or pre-married couples. Classes begin on **Sunday, Apr. 28** (1pm-2:30pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd. Rm. 21 (north). Cost is \$35 per couple. For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/beforeido



Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: cakidschurch.com

We offer programs for both middle and high schoolers. For grades 6th-8th, we meet on Saturdays (6pm-7:15pm) and for grades 9th-12th, we meet on Wednesdays (7pm-8:30pm). For more info, please visit: castudents678.com





Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights 6pm at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north). Join us! For more info, visit: cafusion.com





FIND YOUR PURPOSE.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Fusion at Connect Night!

Sunday, May 5th 2435 Colorado Blvd. 6pm-9pm

We will have tacos & beverages for purchase at the Fusion Café.

New visitors and hosts will eat for free, so be sure to invite your friends!

cafusion.com/connect

Foster Care Awareness Event

Join us on Sunday, May 19 (1-2:30pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd., Rm 30 (north) as we learn about the foster care crisis in LA County and how we can respond as believers. We will share various ways to get involved such as Care Communities, which are CA teams that wrap around and support foster families. Lunch will be provided for those who register. For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/kingdom

Fusion Backyard Nights

Find your people. Find your purpose with our Fusion Backyard Nights. If you are between the ages of 18-35, grab a friend and join us on Thursday, Apr. 25 (7-9pm) at the Church Park (near the south parking lot). For more info, please visit: cafusion.com/backyardnights

Weekly Bible Study

Join us for a weekly Bible Study taught by longtime CA member Mark Gang. We will be studying the book of James together. **Thursday nights** (7pm-8:30pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north sanctuary). For more info, please visit: cachurch. com/biblestudy

We're Hiring

Administrative Assistant - Women's Ministry: We are looking to hire an administrative assistant to join our Women's Ministry team! Candidates should be excellent with details, have a positive attitude and desire to support our Women's Ministry staff team.

Male Pastor - Student Ministries: We are looking to hire a male youth pastor to join our Student Ministries team! Candidates should love working with middle and high school students, be passionately committed to God's Word, and serve with humility and joy.

Both positions are full-time with benefits. For job descriptions and to apply, please visit: cachurch. com/**iobs**

Kingdom Weekend: Apr. 27/28

Next weekend is a **Kingdom Weekend**. We will hear an update about our partnership with Bakari Bunga in West Africa. We will also give a second offering for our Kingdom partners and efforts.