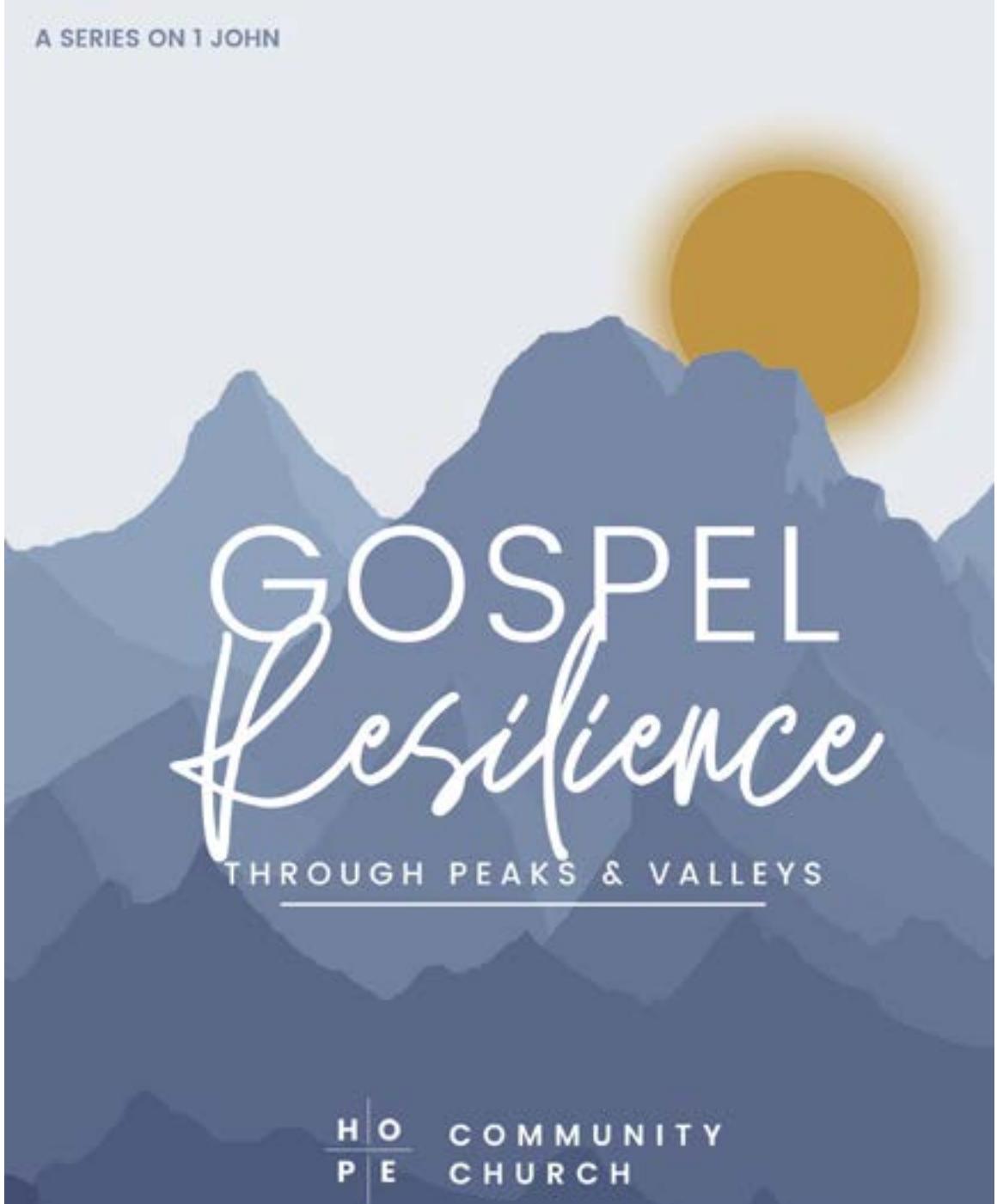


A SERIES ON 1 JOHN



GOSPEL  
*Resilience*

THROUGH PEAKS & VALLEYS

H O  
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COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

## Welcome

We believe that God uses our time in corporate worship to conform us. He is like a master craftsman and we are his work of art. God is the one who invites us to worship him and in doing so we commune with the Father in Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit. We find a specific flow of worship in Scripture so our liturgy is based on a pattern that has been followed throughout Scripture and church history. We see that God speaks and we respond.

**Remembering God's Presence**-God's grace initiates an invitation to worship. We remember that God is holy, glorious and it is by grace that we are invited into his presence.

**Remembering God's Grace** - Since we are ushered into God's holy presence, we are made aware of our sin. We are reminded that our sin is forgiven in Christ, so we approach our God as his children. So we can be honest with him about our failures and be assured of his mercy.

**Renewal in Christ as Prophet** - God speaks to us through the Word of God proclaimed. The Holy Spirit uses this time to convict, rebuke, and encourage. This is a divine encounter with the true and living God.

**Renewal in Christ as Priest** - In this meal we are strengthened and nourished by the Spirit of Christ. We commune with God himself and with one another. This is not a time for mere commemoration, but God is at work in our hearts as we partake.

**Renewal in Christ as King** - Christ the king sends us out to be a missional presence in the world. We are assured of his presence as we seek to live in our communities with Christ as our king.

This worship pattern is both biblical and spiritual formative. We invite you to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion.

We would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have. Be sure to stop by the Welcome table after the service or reach out to us at [hopecc.church](mailto:hopecc.church).

## Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work of Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We want to create a welcoming place where you feel comfortable coming with your questions and doubts.
- We seek to be a community where you can belong before you believe.
- We believe that God draws both the convinced and unconvinced to worship.
- We desire to listen to skeptics. We do not listen to respond, but we listen to hear the doubts and questions.
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us.

I would love to take you out to lunch and discuss with you how the gospel has changed my life and listen to your story and try to answer your questions. Please reach out to me @ [jc@hopecc.church](mailto:jc@hopecc.church).

# Remembering God's Presence

Please stand.

The call to worship  
is a reminder that  
God is the great  
initiator. He is the  
one calling us into  
His presence

Bold text is read  
together by the  
congregation.

Plain text is read  
by the leader.

Responsive  
readings remind  
us that during  
corporate worship  
God speaks to his  
people and we  
respond together  
as a community.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 136:1-3

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**People: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Minister: Give thanks to the God of gods.

**People: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

**People: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### SONG OF ADORATION

#### *ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST*

WORDS & MUSIC: DUSTIN KENS RUE

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

*ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL*  
WORDS & MUSIC: LOUIS BOURGEOIS AND WILLIAM KETHE

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,  
come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
he formed us all without our aid.  
We are the flock he comes to feed,  
the sheep who by his hand were made.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

# Remembering God's Grace

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Please be seated.

The call to repentance is an opportunity to remember God's grace and the goodness of the gospel as we confess our sins to Him.

## **CALL TO REPENTANCE - PSALM 51:1-3**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**Gracious Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Change our hearts so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION*

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - PSALM 51:7-10**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**SONG OF ASSURANCE**

*BY THY MERCY*

WORDS & MUSIC BY: JAMES JOHN CUMMINS; GREG THOMPSON

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from heaven Thy gracious ear.  
While our waiting souls adore thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear.

From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within.

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord!  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord!

When temptation sorely presses,  
In the day of Satan's power.  
In our times of deep distresses,  
In each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease.  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace.

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord!  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord!

In the weary hours of sickness,  
In the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness,  
When all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment Day,  
May our souls, on Thee relying,  
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay.

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord!  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord!

# Receiving Christ as Prophet

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## CHILDREN'S CLASS

Please be seated. ( At the parents' discretion, children up to 3rd grade may go to a class designed for them or remain in the service.)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

God uses His  
Word to speak  
to us.

Jeremiah 14:13-18

13 Then I said: "Ah, Lord GOD, behold, the prophets say to them, 'You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.' " 14 And the LORD said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds. 15 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name although I did not send them, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not come upon this land': By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and sword, with none to bury them—they, their wives, their sons, and their daughters. For I will pour out their evil upon them.

17 "You shall say to them this word:  
'Let my eyes run down with tears night and day,  
and let them not cease,  
for the virgin daughter of my people is shattered with a great  
wound,  
with a very grievous blow.  
18 If I go out into the field,  
behold, those pierced by the sword!  
And if I enter the city,  
behold, the diseases of famine!  
For both prophet and priest ply their trade through the land  
and have no knowledge.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Spirit uses  
His Word as a  
powerful means  
of nourishing  
and comforting  
God's people,  
and awakening  
people to new  
faith.

## **SERMON**

REV. J.C. BAYSINGER

### *LOVING DISCERNMENT*

1 JOHN 4:1-6

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

## Notes

### Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. How can you be more discerning in who you listen to?
2. What is the key test to determine whether a prophet or teacher is from God?
3. How can you be more acquainted with Jesus Christ and his saving work?
4. In light of 1 John 1:5, what does God's word mean by, "They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them."
5. Where do you find encouragement in knowing that "he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."?

# Receiving Christ as Priest

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## **CHILDREN'S CLASS**

(Parents are now excused to pick up their children and have them join us for the rest of worship.)

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
—from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39, NRSV**

## **PRAYER OF FAITH**

## **OFFERING**

All we have is given  
to us by God. Our  
offerings express this  
joyful dependance  
and our commitment  
to join God in his  
work of renewal.

## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

### *AMAZING GRACE*

WORDS & MUSIC BY: EDWIN OTHELLO EXCELL AND JOHN NEWTON

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun

# Receiving Christ as King

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## **SURSUM CODA**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE SACRAMENT**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

### **INVITATION**

Minister: These are the Gifts of God, for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

( Directions for taking communion are on pages 14-15 )

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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Sursum Corda is Latin for “lift up your hearts.” One of the oldest liturgical pieces still in use, it calls us to be heavenly minded and summons us into the Lord’s presence. Along with the voices around you, hear the echo of 2,000 years of worshiping Christians who have gone before.

Communion (i.e. the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist) is a covenant renewal meal, instituted by Jesus the night before his crucifixion. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of the King, but also, when we receive it in faith, it is true fellowship with King Jesus, in his presence and at his table. and real communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a symbol of our bond of love as fellow Christians.

**SONG OF BLESSING**

*DOXOLOGY*

WORDS & MUSIC BY: AARON W. LINDSEY, JOHN GRAY, AND DAVID BINION

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Praise God Who loves us great or small  
Praise Him Who hears our faintest call  
The Sov'reign Lamb redeemed the fall  
Praise God the Savior Lord of all

**BENEDICTION**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**THE DISMISSAL**

Minister: Go in Peace

Just as we  
begin with with  
God's gracious  
invitation, so  
we end with  
God's promise  
to always be  
with us.

It is appropriate  
to lift our heads  
as a symbol that  
through Christ  
God graciously  
lifts our head,  
and we hold out  
our hands palms  
up to symbolize  
our need and  
eagerness to  
receive God's  
blessing.

## NEXT AT HOPE

### No Community Group

We will be taking a two week break from Community Group and will resume March 29th.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

MARCH 27TH FROM 6:15pm - 8:00pm

Baysinger's Home  
21058 E Stirrup St  
Queen Creek, AZ 85142

### FIRESIDE CONVERSATION

MARCH 27TH FROM 6:15pm - 8:00pm

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<u>February</u>	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Internal Giving	\$ 11,250	\$ 10,624	\$ -626
Expenses	\$ 15,601	\$ 16,513	\$ -890

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## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### *Directions for taking communion:*

Hope Community Church welcomes all baptized believers who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper to eat with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker\* is available in place of the bread.

### *When and how to come forward for communion:*

Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

### *A Word to Parents:*

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member at Hope Community Church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor J.C. Send him an email at [jc@hopecc.church](mailto:jc@hopecc.church)

Children may take the wine at their parents' discretion.

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

(Hope Community Church is not only for those who are committed followers of Jesus Christ, but also for those who are curious, skeptical, unsure, etc. Our desire is for you to feel that you belong, even if you are unsure if you believe that Jesus is Lord.)

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord, I am restless, and I am unsure why. I have desires that have no explanation. I am thirsty, but nothing seems to satisfy. I am hungry, but I can never get enough. I am restless. Please help me to understand and trust that you are my rest. Reveal yourself to me and how me that you are the way, the truth, and the life. I am restless, help me to find my rest in you.

## PRAYERS OF BELIEF

Lord, I am convicted that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. Forgive me for sinning against you in thought, word, and deed. Enable me to turn from trusting in my own efforts to trusting in you. Thank you for taking the punishment my sins deserved on the cross and by giving me new life in Christ, forgiveness of sins, and a righteousness that is not my own. Just as you raised Jesus Christ from the dead, I ask that you give me new life in him. Empower me to love you with my heart, soul, mind, and strength and my neighbor as myself. Help me to follow you in baptism and live as a committed disciple to you by faith in the power of your Spirit.

## Prayer Request and Comments

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below or submit them online at [faithhopelove.info](http://faithhopelove.info).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Day      Evening

*Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by or give it to an usher or greeter.*

## *We Are Glad You Are Here Today!*

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about HCC. We are here to serve you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

### *Please Let Us Know If You Are:*

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

### *Please Contact Me About:*

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Hope

Meeting with a Pastor

Getting Involved

## Hope Community Church

**Our Vision:** At Hope Community Church we are a worshipping community of believers in Jesus Christ who are committed to developing our faith in him, depending on the hope he offers in the gospel, and deepening our love for Him and our neighbors.

Developing Faith-Everybody expresses faith to some degree. The question is, where is that faith directed? Are you banking on yourself, your family, science, the good of humanity, or are you ultimately depending on Christ? The beauty of the gospel is that when we begin to trust in Jesus, everything changes. We believe living by faith means moving into a realm whereby we are uncertain of ourselves but more confident of God and his faithfulness. As our faith increases, we become more like Christ as we seek to follow him.

Depending on Hope-As we express faith in Christ, we also depend on hope in the gospel. One Christian thinker puts it this way, "all hope must rest on something, but the key question is whether God and his scriptural promises are that foundation on which we find refuge by the power of the Spirit." One of the purposes of our church is to point people to the true source of hope, Jesus Christ.

Deepening in Love- As we develop our faith and depend on hope, our love for God and one another will increase. Our motive for loving others, not only those like us, but those who are radically different than us, is to glorify God in obedience to the gospel.

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