



WELCOME *to* **RIVERSIDE** CHURCH

Big Lake - Buffalo - Sauk Rapids

ONE CHURCH
MULTIPLE CAMPUSES
ONE FAMILY

Sept 6, 2026

Message Notes

- Icebreaker -

Out of all the movies you've ever watched, activities you've ever participated in or songs you've ever heard, which "rah-rah" message gives you the most courage to "charge the hill"?

1. Read **2 Corinthians 4:7-18**. What false beliefs about following Jesus and/or about suffering do you think you tend to believe that distorts your view of true Biblical hope we have through Jesus?
2. Pastor Kyle said, "Biblical hope is confident expectancy...it is anticipation wrapped in certainty." In the midst of your suffering, do you feel alive to that kind of hope?
3. Read verses 14 and 17. From where does Paul say hope is drawn? Does this bring you comfort in the midst of your suffering also; why or why not?
4. If you've ever had a moment when you saw meaning behind your suffering, describe it and how that changed your outlook toward any suffering you have experienced since then.
5. Pastor Kyle said, "If you want hope in your suffering, reframe it as..." missional, momentary, and meaningful. What can you do to reframe your beliefs about the suffering you experience?
6. Review the "we are...but not" statements found in verses 8-9. What "we are (or in the personal sense, "I am") statements do you have in your own life and what verses from scripture can you use to develop your own "but not" statements to counter them?

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

Day One: John 21; Psalm 33

Day Two: Deuteronomy 30; Proverbs 28

Day Three: 1 Chronicles 11; Ezra 3

Day Four: Revelation 10; Daniel 12

Day Five: Song of Songs 5; Acts 15



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Because of grace we are:

Alive to **God**

Alive to **Mission**

Alive to **Power**

Alive to **The Big 3:**

Church

Groups

Serving

Alive to **Generosity**

BIG IDEA

Because of grace, I'm alive to _____.

There's no way around it...to _____ is to _____.

Biblical hope is confident _____...it's anticipation wrapped in certainty.

3 Reasons for Hope:

1. I have hope because my suffering is _____.
(**2 Corinthians 4:8-11, 15**)
 - One of the best billboards for Jesus is how His followers _____.
2. I have hope because my suffering is _____.
(**2 Corinthians 4:16-17**)
 - _____ hope allows us to think bigger than just our particular moments of pain. (**Romans 8:18**)
3. I have hope because my suffering is _____.
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Your suffering is _____ you for _____!

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3 Reasons for Hope:

1. I have hope because my suffering is missional.
(**2 Corinthians 4:8-11, 15**)
 - One of the best billboards for Jesus is how His followers suffer.
2. I have hope because my suffering is momentary.
(**2 Corinthians 4:16-17**)
 - Gospel hope allows us to think bigger than just our particular moments of pain. (**Romans 8:18**)
3. I have hope because my suffering is meaningful.
(**2 Corinthians 4:17-18**)

Your suffering is preparing you for glory!

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