



There Is Always Hope!
February 11, 2024 – James 5:19-20
Pastor Jon Pickens

The Principles of this Passage

1. There is _____ for the wanderer.
2. There is plenty of _____ for Christians to engage the wanderer.
 - a. Motivation #1: There is a _____ at stake!
 - b. Motivation #2: The truth of the Gospel has the power to _____ a soul from death.
 - c. Motivation #3: You are never too far gone to be _____.

Implications of this Passage

1. Proclaiming the truth of the Gospel _____ even when we have given up.
2. Giving up on a person's soul discounts the _____ working of the Gospel.
3. The church needs an army of those who care enough about the souls of our fellow brothers and sisters to _____ them!
 - a. What does healthy engagement look like:
 - i. Be _____.
 - ii. Be genuinely _____ and humble.
 - iii. Ask genuine questions that help peel back the _____ issues.
 - iv. Pray _____ them and _____ them.
 - v. Be a voice of truth in _____.
 - vi. Give them _____ to process your conversations.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is passive Christianity detrimental to the church body?
2. What are some of the reasons we tend not to ask questions about someone's faith journey?
3. What motivation do believers have to engage in the spiritual lives of our fellow brothers and sisters?
4. What challenge or barrier do you need to get over so that you become more engaged in the faith journey of your fellow brothers or sisters in Christ?
5. Pastor Jon talked about what healthy engagement looks like. Did any of those resonate with you? Do you have anything additional to add to that list?
6. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be down front after the service and would love to connect.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

February 2024			
Week 1 Starting Feb 5	Week 2 Starting Feb 12	Week 3 Starting Feb 19	Week 4 Starting Feb 26
Day 1: Psalm 56, 57	Day 1: Psalm 67, 68	Day 1: Psalm 76, 77	Day 1: Psalm 85, 86
Day 2: Psalm 58, 59	Day 2: Psalm 69	Day 2: Psalm 78	Day 2: Psalm 87, 88
Day 3: Psalm 60-62	Day 3: Psalm 70, 71	Day 3: Psalm 79, 80	Day 3: Psalm 89
Day 4: Psalm 63, 64	Day 4: Psalm 72, 73	Day 4: Psalm 81, 82	Day 4: Psalm 90, 91
Day 5: Psalm 65, 66	Day 5: Psalm 74, 75	Day 5: Psalm 83, 84	Day 5: Psalm 92-94
⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.			
⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.			
Psalm 146:5-6 (NIV)			

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