

Hello Hope Church,

It has been mentioned that these last few months have been like we are standing on shifting sand. It is easy to feel this way with the ever-changing guidance regarding COVID-19 and the over-politicization of our most important societal problems. It is an unnerving, uneasy, unpredictable time, isn't it?

Jesus tells us to be "like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." (Matthew 8:24b-25) And what is the "rock" that we are to build our life on? Of course it is a life-solidifying relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ, but, specifically, it is "hear(ing) these words of mine (Jesus') and put(ting) them into practice." (v24a) You see, we cannot be truly anchored in Christ, and in life, by just believing in Christ and leaving it at that. We must put our faith into practice by continually hearing what God wants/commands of us and by actively "liv(ing) a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1). You see, to be anchored to the Rock of Ages, we actually need to live an active, energetic, purposeful life in and for Him!

We know it's tough out there. We are here for you. Tap into our weekly live streams and bible studies. Call or text or email anyone of us anytime. Reach out to a fellow Hope goer. We are the Body of Christ, the embodiment of Jesus in this world, and we'll not only get through these uncertain times but we can and should actually thrive in them as we individually and collectively actively seek and live in Him!

On His solid rock,

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