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Message Series: Praying, Going, Expecting... So Grateful

Today's Message: Desperate For Hope

## **Last Week:**

1) **Truth:** The church living out the <u>love</u> and <u>grace</u> of God is the <u>Only Hope</u> of the world.

2) When people <u>see</u> the <u>difference Christ makes in us</u>—that will make a difference in how they respond to Christ.

Romans 15:13 John 14:21

## **Desperate For Hope**

## 1. A Transformed Life Reality

Romans 12:1, 2

<u>2 Corinthians 3:16</u> <u>2 Corinthians 4:1-7</u>

♦ Faith Action's

James 1:19-22

◆ Action's = Adjustments + Obedience

Consider: Elijah & Elisha

1) Elijah—Hiding in a cave

<u>1 Kings 19:9, 10, 13, 14</u> Disappointed—Discouraged—Disobedient

2) Elisha—Surrenders his life and future

1 Kings 19:15-21

TRUTH: "What we do reveals what we believe about God, regardless of what we say."

## 2. Overcoming The Darkness Within

1) The Spirit Competitive, Jealous

<u>John 21:21, 22</u> <u>Philippians 1:15-19</u>

2) The Critical Spirit

Philippians 4:1-3, 8, 9

⇒ Satan loves to <u>spread his poison</u> and <u>drain</u> our <u>spiritual passion</u> and <u>energy</u>

**TRUTH:** "God gives us <u>spiritual</u> insights <u>not to criticize</u> but <u>to pray</u> for and <u>edify</u> others." "Oswald Chambers

3) The Desire to Impress Others

1 Samuel 13:11 1 Samuel 15:10, 11, 17

4) The Poisoned, Bitter Spirit

Hebrews 12:15

"Spiritual passion and wellness cannot coexist with resentments, the <u>unforgiving</u> spirit <u>quenches</u> the <u>Holy Spirit energy</u> and <u>presence</u>.