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# Beating the Discouragement Battle!

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## The Reality and Christ's Promise to His Children...

<u>John 16:33 NIV</u> <sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that *in me you may have peace*. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

- We will face trouble in this world
- We serve and follow the One who has overcome it all!

### A Three Part Focus...

Joshua 1:7-9 NIV <sup>7</sup> "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

- 1. Get tough on yourself speak words of strength and courage
- 2. Obey Habitual sin will destroy you from the inside out Plan not to sin Structure it out of your life
- 3. Focus Get in the Word eat, breath and sleep it!
  - Devotions, Bible Study, Memory Verse Cards, Audio Bible, etc.

### Jesus Cares and can Relate to our Struggles...

## **Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV**

#### Jesus the Great High Priest

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, <sup>[f]</sup> Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one **who has been tempted in every way**, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we **may receive mercy and find grace** to help us in our time of need.

- Christ can relate to us. He understands temptation.
- He offers mercy and grace to those who come and get it.

## Membership has its Privileges (the Rights of Sons & Daughters)

### 1 John 5:11-15 NIV

<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## **Concluding Affirmations**

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that *you may know* that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: *that if we ask anything according* 

*to his will, he hears us.* <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

- Are you a child of God? Know God, know Peace... No God, no Peace!
- God listens to His kids. He acts and upon their heart cries
- How we currently feel, does not have to dictate who we are and how we live

## Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

## Announcements: www.hopecommunitysite.com 705-812-2833

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

Men's Basketball – Mondays 8:00 pm at the church

Woman's Walking/Exercise Group – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

Kid's Tuesday Afterschool Program - 3:00 to 5:00 pm - gym games, snack, encouragement & friendship

Mom's Hangout – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

God Squad Jr. High: Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

Sr. High Youth: Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

**Good Food Box** – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

**Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month** Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.

Family Fun at Bayview Wildwood Resort! – Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm after the communion lunch meal - An afternoon of outdoor activities for the whole family. Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, hockey, tobogganing, playing in the snow, etc.