**Discerning God's Word Together -  Hope 11/17/24**

**Introduction:**

In our sermon, we explored the concept of H.O.P.E. through the lens of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This acrostic helps us understand how we can live with hope in our daily lives.

**H - Help**

* **Key Scripture:** "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present \_\_\_\_\_\_ in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)
* **Reflection:** Jesus is always our \_\_\_\_\_\_. Just like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son, God is ready to help us when we reach out.
* **Personal Application:** In what areas of your life do you need to ask for God's help?

**O - Obedience**

* **Key Scripture:** "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it \_\_\_\_\_\_." (James 1:22)
* **Reflection:** Obedience means putting God's Word into \_\_\_\_\_\_. It's not just about hearing, but doing.
* **Personal Application:** Identify one area where you can be more obedient to God's Word.

**P - Perseverance**

* **Key Scripture:** "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_\_." (Hebrews 12:1-2)
* **Reflection:** Perseverance involves doing the next \_\_\_\_\_\_ thing, even when it's difficult.
* **Personal Application:** What is one small step you can take today to persevere in your faith journey?

**E - Expectation**

* **Key Scripture:** "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or \_\_\_\_\_\_." (Ephesians 3:20)
* **Reflection:** We are encouraged to come to God with great \_\_\_\_\_\_, believing that nothing is impossible with Him.
* **Personal Application:** How can you cultivate a heart of expectation in your relationship with God?

**Living Hope**

* **Key Scripture:** "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3)
* **Reflection:** Our hope is anchored in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, giving us a living hope that transcends circumstances.
* **Personal Application:** How does the resurrection impact your daily life and give you hope for the future?

**Closing Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for the living hope we have through Jesus Christ. Help us to seek Your help, walk in obedience, persevere in our faith, and live with great expectation. May our lives reflect Your love and grace. Amen.