



MADE FOR MORE

Made For More - Week 2

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called 'Made for More'. During this series we will be looking at seven lies that the enemy fires our way to separate us from God. This week Matt talks about the lie of Despair.

Both Hope and Despair are determined by how you see the future and how that perspective influences the present. Biblical Hope is rooted in what we believe about the future and that belief affects our present reality. Those living in despair have a blocked view of the future and it poisons their present. Is your view of the future blocked, causing you despair?

Questions:

1. If despair is the complete loss or absence of hope, are you living in despair because you have forgotten that you have a future? Has your hope been deferred, and now your heart is sick? Have you bought into the lie of despair? Proverbs 13:12
2. How can you crawl out of the depths of despair? Why is what you believe about the future so important? How does that impact the life that you live now? What's the difference between worldly hope and real Biblical hope?
3. If your life is an arrow, where is it pointed? What does the Greek word telos mean? What do you crave more than anything? What is your ultimate purpose, your main goal? What's your telos, how is that your ultimate hope? Hebrews 6:19; Romans 15:13

4. How can you have hope because of God's Pardon? If, even as Christians, we all mess up, we sin every day, why does Romans 8:1 provide you with the best news ever? Do you have a better hope, because you are acceptable to God? Romans 8:1; Hebrews 7:19
5. Are you struggling on the treadmill of sin (you're tempted, you fall, you feel guilty)? Do you believe that no matter what your past looks like you have the power to change? Do you need God's Power to free you from whatever sin you are struggling with? Romans 8:2
6. If much of life is out of your control, and you don't know what tomorrow will bring, is it good news that regardless of what happens you're not going through this alone? Can you have great hope because of God's Presence? Do you hold onto the certainty that God is with you? Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 32:8
7. Do you have a longing for eternity in your heart? Do you know that this world is not your home? Can you have the ultimate hope because God has Provided a Place? Do you know your future is in heaven with God himself? That you have a happily ever after because you were made for more?
Romans 8:38-39; John 10:27-29

Key Takeaway: *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. We have a God who's the God of all hope who can fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in Him, so that we may overflow with hope. We can defeat despair because we have a future, and it's worth the living! We were made for more!*

Summary:

- Far too often, we go through life, living in despair because we've forgotten that we have a future. Despair is the complete loss or absence of hope
- How we experience the present is dictated by what we truly believe about the future. How we live now is determined by what we believe is going to happen in the future
- Telos - your chief aim in life or your main (ultimate) purpose, if your life is an arrow, where is it pointed? Your telos is what you crave more than anything
- We have hope because of God's Pardon. We all sin, we all mess up and we will face the consequences from our sin but we will not face the condemnation for our sin
- We have hope because of God's Power. You don't have to live in defeat, you were made for more. You can get off the treadmill of sin
- We have hope because of God's Presence. Regardless of what happens, we're not going through it alone
- We can have hope because God Has Provided a Place. This world isn't our home. God placed the longing for eternity in our hearts. Our future is in heaven