

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: What's Holding You Back
Message: Convenience vs. Commitment
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: October 6/7, 2018

Take some time to read and consider the exchange Jesus had with the young man he met. As you read, think about what caused him to seek Jesus out.

¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good.

¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young."

²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell, and he went away very sad, for he had many possessions.

Mark 10:17-22 (NLT)

This is the only time Jesus ever told someone to sell all they had to become a follower. Jesus isn't interested in what the man owned but what *owned* the man. His life was built on the comfort and convenience that wealth offers, and this was what came to light with Jesus' question.

If Jesus were asking you to give up something that is hindering you in following Him, what might it be? How hard would it be to choose Jesus over the thing you are holding onto?

Afterwards, Jesus debriefed with His disciples...

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" ²⁴ This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" ²⁶ The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. ²⁷ Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God." ²⁸ Then Peter began to speak up. "We've given up everything to follow you," he said. ²⁹ "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, ³⁰ will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life. ³¹ But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then."

Mark 10:23-31 (NLT)

As you think about this, what does God promise to those who are fully committed to following Him?

What will it cost? What will we receive?

Is there anything standing in your way to keep you from full commitment to Him?

MESSAGE NOTES



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convenience: (def) devoted to personal comfort or easy performance

commitment: (def) devoted to a person or cause regardless of the cost

Life decisions based on convenience feel good at the beginning...but lead to disappointment.

Life decisions based on commitment are often tough at the beginning...but can lead to fulfillment.

Mark 10:17-31 (see the Take Home Sheet)

Jesus offers life that is perfectly suited for us...now and forever!

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

The only way to experience it is to commit myself to follow Him as my top priority.

³¹ So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NLT)

What best describes the current status of my devotion to God – convenience or commitment?

We can always "prove" that we are right, but is the Lord convinced?

Proverbs 16:2 (TLB)

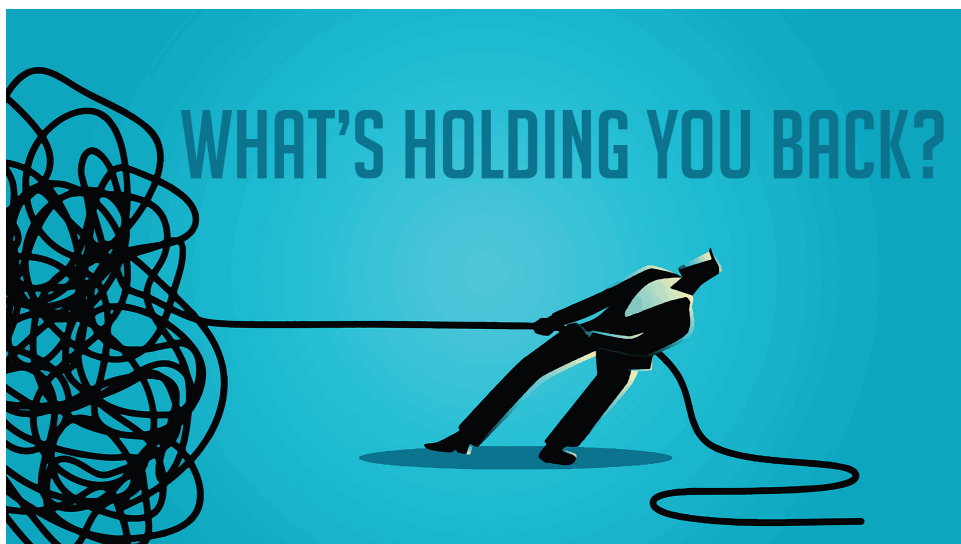
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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible



As followers of Jesus, or even those just checking things out, it's pretty easy to learn the ropes. Attend church, pray, read the Bible and we're good, right? While those are all very important things, God actually calls us to go deeper. In fact, if we don't, those "good things" will become boring and lifeless. Giving, serving, and forming relationships with other believers changes our lives and helps grow our faith on multiple levels. So why can it be so hard to take that next step? ***What's Holding You Back?*** This week... ***Convenience vs. Committing.*** The first step to having a full and full-filled life as a follower of Jesus is to be all in. Dabbling at faith only leads to frustration.

FIRST TIME GUESTS

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. **We're glad you are here!**

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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We are honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring whether or not God even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing everyone the love of Jesus and help them establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back, and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

A NIGHT OF HOPE FOR THE LEAST OF THESE

Please join us for the first Hope for Help Gala on Saturday, November 17th at 6 pm at the Sheraton Reston. Dinner, dancing, a silent auction and inspiring words from Feed My Starving Children CEO Mark Crea, are sure to make for an unforgettable night! All proceeds go to our work with Feed My Starving Children.

SAT
NOV
17
6 PM

Butler Passed Hors d'Oeuvres



Field Fresh Young Greens
European Cucumber, Cherry Tomatoes,
Red Onion with Balsamic Vinaigrette



Artisan Rolls and Sweet Cream Butter



Duet of Sirloin Beef and Chicken Breast
With Caramelized Onion, Wine Reduction
Herb Roasted Potatoes with a Medley of Seasonal Vegetables



Chocolate Decadence Cake



Freshly Brewed Starbucks®
Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee
Selection of Hot Tazo® Tea

Dress: Festive cocktail attire – feel free to glam it up!

Cost: \$100/person

Sponsor a table for 10 of your friends or business associates for \$1200 and get your group or business name listed as an event sponsor

To register, please go online to bit.ly/2018nightofhope

Bingo night

family

fun

OCTOBER 27TH
6:45 PM

REGISTER TODAY AT
BIT.LY/OCT27BINGO

PROCEEDS BENEFIT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC.ORG)



CHANGE4CHANGE

Stop by the table in the front lobby and pick up a canister or coin tube. Throw in your spare change, dollars or even checks made out to New Hope Church into this canister. Ask your neighbors, friends or co-workers to join you in giving. With each meal packed at the MobilePack costing only \$0.22 each, every penny will count! These meals will likely save thousands of kids and provide hope! Think about that. That's something worth fighting for. When we all partner together, we can do more than any one of us could do alone.

HOPE
FOR HELP



COLOR RUN!

BEFORE

AFTER



JOIN US FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL HOPE FOR HELP 5K & COLOR RUN.
The crazy color fun for kids 12 and under is on Saturday, October 20th.
Visit hopeforhelp5k.com to register today!



6TH ANNUAL **HOPE** FOR HELP

5K RUN/WALK

The flat and fast course through Crosspointe is great for race enthusiasts as well as walkers of all ages. With Chronotrack timing this race has drawn a large field of participants and promises awesome and accurate chip times.

**OCTOBER 20TH • SIGN-UP AT
HOPEFORHELP5K.COM
REGISTRATION INCLUDES T-SHIRT,
MEDAL, AND FUN FOR EVERYONE**

8:00 am - Pre-Race Warm Up by Orangetheory Fitness
Lorton-Fairfax Station

8:30 am - Hope for Help 5K Run

9:30 am - Kid's Color Run

The 5K Run

Registration Costs

\$35 - Register October 1-19

\$40 - Register October 20 (race day)

\$35 - Virtual Race

\$25 - Team rate (minimum 4 team members)

Kid's Color Run

Who can participate? Children ages 12 and under.

Registration

\$20 per child. Register by October 12th to guarantee a free kids race t-shirt (while supplies last, after October 12th).

All proceeds go towards funding our Feed My Starving Children events.



Our volunteers are in North Carolina to provide flood and debris cleanup throughout Beaufort County and Jones County. Crisis Care, showers, and

laundry will offer additional support throughout our response. The feeding unit demobilized as of Monday, September 24 after serving 35,631 meals.

Teams or individuals are welcome to sign up for cleanup and rebuild through mid-December. See all of the roles necessary to keep our site operational:

Cleanup in Beaufort County: primarily temporary roof repair

- Cleanup in Jones County (Pollocksville, Trenton and Maysville): primarily full tear out, some chain saw possibly in Maysville (TBD)
- Feeding to support recovery volunteers: if you have feeding unit or church kitchen experience or just want to help support volunteers, we are looking for volunteers to assist in providing 3 meals a day for volunteers
- Laundry volunteers help keep mold and other allergens to a minimum and provide clean clothes for our cleanup crews to wear each day to the jobsite.
- Additional volunteers with maintenance or mechanical experience, run supplies, and other miscellaneous tasks are also welcome.

Previous disaster training is not required. Rebuilding will begin as soon as cleanup job sites are dry. Ready to volunteer? Please register online at <https://bgavdr.org/responses/florence/>





What Is The Back Pack

What do kids carry with them almost 24/7 throughout the school year? You're right, a back pack! Well, we have our own meaning for a "back pack". We say Back stands for Before & After Care Kids...and we have a Pack of'em at our program!

The Back Pack, New Hope's before and after care school program is accepting applications for fun, energetic, and reliable people who love working with kids. They are looking for people who are ready to engage the students in kindergarten through 6th grade, in fun activities and games, while providing a safe environment for them. If this sounds like you, please contact info@thebackpackonline.com.



New Women's Small Group starting in Dumfries on Tuesday, October 16th from 7-9 pm. Contact the leaders below for more information or to sign up. Bernadette Granger (berna8990@yahoo.com) or Barbie Sandy (barbieasandy@gmail.com).

This week, we'd like to recognize Jim and Karen Scott. They are truly a power couple when it comes to serving! Jim serves on our Security Team and drives our Shuttle. Karen is on the Greeter/Usher Team. They both jump in and serve extra to fill weekend vacancies, so you probably see them representing New Hope Church almost every Sunday! Jim and Karen, **THANK YOU!** We appreciate your serving hearts! All of our ministry teams need help. **Look at our volunteer booklet in your program or contact Carol Ann by email at carolann.gregoire@newhope.org to see where you might fit in.**

A FUN DATE NIGHT — A RELATIONSHIP GAME-CHANGER
YOU'LL LAUGH, LEARN, GROW CLOSER & NEVER LOOK AT FIGHTING IN THE SAME WAY

Co-Hosted by Men's Ministry & HER Ministry
Saturday, November 3rd
8:30 am-12 pm
Cost: \$10 per couple, \$5 singles
Register today at bit.ly/2018fightnight

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