

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: What's Holding You Back
Message: Holding Back vs. Contributing
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: October 13/14, 2018

Even a glancing view of the Bible shows us that God intends for His followers to be actively involved and contributing to the mission and maintenance of His church. The church thrives when all the partners/members get involved. Spend some time considering the amazing atmosphere of the church that started in Acts soon after Jesus' resurrection. Imagine what would happen if we imitated their enthusiasm and commitment!

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

When the people devoted themselves fully to the church, several significant things happened:

- A deep sense of awe was all around them and their neighbors
- God did mighty things for and through the church
- The people voluntarily shared what they had to meet the needs of others
- Generosity was common...and joy came with it!
- The impact of what God was doing in and through the church inspired many in the city to accept Jesus

Spend some time praying as you consider the passage.

Ask God to help you to see anyway that you may be holding back from Him, and if something comes to mind, give it to Him.

If you are not currently serving on a ministry team, decide to investigate where we have needs and sign up!

MESSAGE NOTES



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²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. ²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. ²⁶ Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

John 12:24-26 (NLT)

What holds us back is when we hold back from God.

Why should I be regularly serving at my church?

1. It is Jesus' plan for accomplishing the work of His church.

Now here is what I am trying to say: All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (TLB)

2. Serving is the pathway to spiritual health/maturity – individually and collectively.

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.

1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

3. Serving is an antidote against selfish complaining.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

Primary focus: Where am I needed?

Secondary focus: Where would I like to serve?

4. Serving is a practical way to show that our faith is genuine.

Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

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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... ***Holding Back vs. Contributing***. Each of us have been entrusted with abilities, resources and experiences that God wants us to use to help others. When we do that with a free heart, we discover the joy of being partners with God.

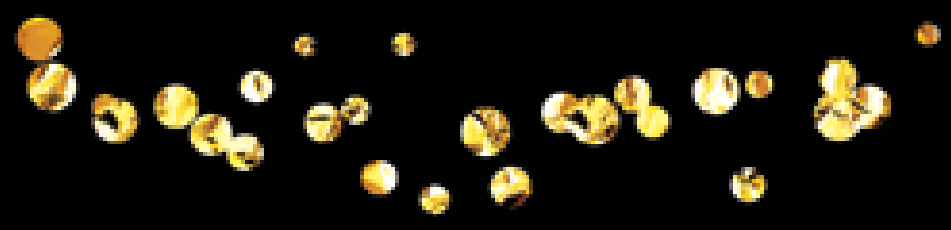
FIRST TIME GUESTS

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 • 6 PM

JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE EVENING AS WE CELEBRATE ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH NEW HOPE CHURCH AND OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN. WE WILL CELEBRATE THE OVER 12 MILLION MEALS AND OVER 33 THOUSAND CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN FED THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2010.

SHERATON RESTON • FESTIVE COCKTAIL ATTIRE
DINNER • DANCING • LIVE AUCTION
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN CEO, MARK CREA
\$100 A PERSON • SPONSORS WELCOME

TO REGISTER, PLEASE GO ONLINE TO
BIT.LY/2018NIGHTOFHOPE

WANT TO SPONSOR OR HAVE QUESTIONS?
EMAIL US AT NIGHTOFHOPE@NEWHOPE.ORG



Bingo Night

family fun

OCTOBER 27TH
6:45 PM

REGISTER TODAY AT
BIT.LY/OCT27BINGO

PROCEEDS BENEFIT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (BANCORGE)



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



TAKEOVER FALL BASH PARTY

OCTOBER 28TH

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

PARTY STARTS RIGHT

AWAY - @NHOTAKEOVER

JOIN US FOR DANCING, KARAOKE, PRIZES, A PHOTO BOOTH, GLOW LIGHTS, AND A COSTUME COMPETITION! WE MEET OUR LOCAL DRUGS FOR THE KID IN FOR KID COLLECTION, WE WILL HAVE CHICKLE AT THE PARTY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



INVITE
SOMEONE
DON'T LET YOUR FRIENDS



We invite families touched by special needs to join us for lunch on Sunday, October 21st from 12:45-2. We'll get a chance to talk with senior staff and to discuss together about how New Hope can impact the lives of its special needs people. Our families will eat together (no childcare) but we will have toys to occupy them. Please RSVP at hollandconnect@newhope.org, so we can prepare enough food; let us know of any dietary restrictions. We're looking forward to meeting you!



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
OR IN FRONT LOBBY
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.

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



**LIFE IS
BETTER IN
CIRCLES**

One of our goals at Gateway is to move people from rows on weekends to circles in small groups. It can be impossible to truly connect at a weekend service in a room full of people. However, we desire all of our people to be connected to a group that meets on a regular basis and provides a space for each person to experience community. We are excited to announce the launching of two new groups. Check out the specifics below. If you have any questions about small groups, please email us at smallgroups@newhope.org.

MEN'S GROUP

Bill Carter is starting a men's group that will meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm in Lorton. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 30th at 7735 Grand Wind Drive. Lorton, VA 22079. Contact Bill by email at wcmensgroup@gmail.com or 703-599-7807 for more information. Thanks!



WOMEN'S GROUP

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 at berna8990@yahoo.com or Barbie Sandy at barbieasandy@gmail.com.

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



CHARLES PARROTT



DR. LESLIE PARROTT

Co-Hosted by Men's Ministry & HER Ministry
Saturday, November 3rd
8:30 am-12 pm

A fun date for couples of any age or stage. Filled with humor, fresh insight, and practical, new strategies for turning conflict into a means for deeper intimacy. Les is an authentic master communicator. Couples will laugh while they learn new ways to instantly improve relationship. And did we mention you will have a blast while gaining practical tips to strengthen communication.

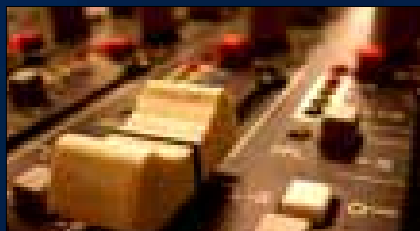
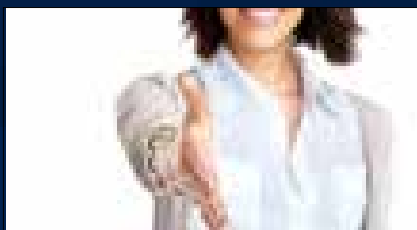
Cost: \$10 per couple, \$5 singles
Register today at bit.ly/2018fightnight



MINISTRY FAIR

SIGN UP TODAY

This week, we are bypassing recognizing one of our awesome volunteers to let you know that we are in GREAT need of NEW volunteers. We can't do what we do at New Hope without the help of our volunteers. Each person that serves makes a difference in the lives of others. Do we make it look like we don't need help? That's because we have many volunteers that serve multiple times a month so that we can serve others well. With the help of new volunteers, we can lighten their load. We all have a gift to share and God encourages us to use our gift. ***God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (1 Peter 4:10)*** Come on out to the Ministry Fair after service and see where you might fit in. Any one of our ministries would love to have you!



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