

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Travel Light
Message: Letting Go of Expectations
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: December 7/8, 2019

When it comes to expectations, especially during the Christmas season, we have the opportunity to show those around us something good about Jesus – after all it's His birthday!

Think about the next three weeks and write down your goals and desires. Be honest and specific!

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Go back over your list and ask yourself what things you have control over and what things require others to co-operate.

Now look back at the message notes regarding goals and desires. Do you need to rethink your expectations?

Read the rest of the message notes. How can you reframe your expectations to be aligned with how God wants you to represent Him over the next three weeks? [If you need help, ask a trusted and wise friend.]

Once you have adjusted your Christmas expectations, commit yourself to be God's faithful representative wherever you are. He will give you the strength, endurance, courage, grace and peace you need!

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation
TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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expectation (lit): “to look forward to”

When handled well, expectations fuel hope and positive outcomes.

When handled poorly, expectations fuel disappointment, frustration and hurt.

Goal – something I want where I control the outcome.

Desire – something I hope for, but I can’t control the outcome.

The Bible gives us the secret to handling goals and desires well.

⁹ So...our goal is to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.
2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NLT)

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desires. ⁵ Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.
Psalm 37:4-5 (NLT)

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. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.
Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT)

Prayer for all of us as we enter the Christmas season...

Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires.
Psalm 51:10 (TLB)

⁶ Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)



In a crowded and busy holiday season, we can often feel weighed down by family relationships, financial pressure, regrets and more. This series will help us see the weight we feel comes from things God never intended us to carry. In fact, hanging onto baggage can indicate a misguided perspective or absence of God's power. Christmas reminds us that He wants to walk through life beside us, providing access to all the love, hope and peace He offers.

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're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if He even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**



Please join us on Sunday to show appreciation to Pastor Jim Morgans for his impact on countless families in our community. Jim is assuming the role of Director of Pastoral Care at New Hope in 2020 and will step aside from his position as Director of Camp Whatakid and The Back Pack. Jim has been with these programs as director since their start in 2008. In those 12 years, Jim served with heart and the love of God to thousands of children and their families. His legacy and impact is felt by so many in our community and will undoubtedly continue in his new role.

We are having an open house this Sunday from 2 - 4 pm, so please plan to drop by and thank Pastor Jim and wish him continued success in his new role.



Women's Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18th @ 7 pm

- Present Wrapping
- Christmas Movie Trivia
- Cookie Decorating Contest
- Bra Collection for Free the Girls
- Holiday Dress Up Contest with Prize for "Festively Cheesy", "Classy Christmas" and "I'm dressed like a Christmas Tree"

Come dressed to celebrate and bring a tasty treat to share - appetizer or dessert, your choice. Young women 16+ are welcome to join in the fun along with their mom, aunt, or grandma! Don't forget to bring gently used or new bras to donate. Sign up today at bit.ly/2019herholiday.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER NEEDED!



The Back Pack (TBP), New Hope's before and after care school program, is in need of an afternoon bus driver. A CDL is not required, but preferred. Drive one of our small 14 passenger buses, picking up TBP students from 3-4:30 pm, M-F. Additional work hours are available working with our kids after the bus runs. Applicant must be 21 years old with a good driving record. If this sounds like you, please contact us at info@thebackpackonline.com



Coat Drive

**THANKS TO YOU
WE'VE FOUND
HOMES FOR 191
COATS SO FAR!**

ENDS SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH

You can help us spread warmth, because no one should be left out in the cold!



Thank you so much to everyone who helped provide Christmas joy to struggling families in our community. It's not too late if you would still like to purchase a voucher. Just go online to bit.ly/2019hofh. If you grabbed a tag for a specific gift item or gift card, please bring it to New Hope no later than this Sunday, December 8th. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our neighborhood!

END OF YEAR GIVING

We have a strong history of special year-end giving that helps us meet current needs and start the new year in a positive position. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can make a difference with a special year-end gift. To take a deduction on your 2019 tax return, your gift must be postmarked or received by the church on or before December 31, 2019. There are two ways to give online: 1) Create an account on the HUB and utilize the secure online giving through New Hope Church's giving platform, or 2) Use your bank's online bill pay platform to give using your checking account. To give electronically, visit newhope.org/giving.



While we won't be holding on-campus services the weekend after Christmas, we will have a special online service you can watch during any of our regular service times. So gather family on December 28th or 29th and enjoy the final message in our Travel Light series. **You can find us online at live.newhope.org.**

New Hope partners will vote on the 2020 Ministry Plan the weekend of December 14/15. If you have questions, we have an RSVP-only meeting on Monday, December 9th, at 7 pm. Please email us at finance@newhope.org if you wish to attend.

FINANCE UPDATE - NOVEMBER OFFERING

NOVEMBER BUDGET \$202,075

NOVEMBER ACTUAL \$180,045

NOVEMBER OVER/(UNDER) (\$22,030)

YTD BUDGET \$2,116,972

YTD ACTUAL \$2,027,470

YTD OVER/(UNDER) (\$89,502)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS Party

15th AT 5:30
SUNDAY
DECEMBER

JOIN US FOR A CRAZY CHRISTMAS KARAOKE PARTY AT NEW HOPE CHURCH. COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ATTIRE, READY TO SING SOME CRAZY SONGS, PLAY SOME CRAZY GAMES, WIN SOME CRAZY PRIZES, AND EAT A CRAZY AMOUNT OF PIZZA. WE'LL ALSO HAVE A CRAZY, MAKE-YOUR-OWN HOT CHOCOLATE BAR. IF YOU HAVE A CRAZY FRIEND, BRING THEM, TOO.



15th
DEC

HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
Party

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
LIBERTY CLUBHOUSE

FANCY PANTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

WE'LL HAVE FANCY FOOD, FANCY DRINKS, FANCY GAMES,
AND OF COURSE - COME IN YOUR FANCY CLOTHES.
IF YOU HAVE A FANCY FRIEND, BRING THEM, TOO.

(FANCY CLOTHES AND FRIENDS ARE OPTIONAL - YOU BE YOU!
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF 'FANCY' TO SPREAD AROUND.)

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mark your calendar

dec

12.14
Family
Breakfast

12.14-15
Budget Vote

12.18
Women's
Christmas
Party

12.22
Mission Muffins

12.24
Christmas Eve
Svcs (2,4,6 pm)

jan

1.25
Men's One Day
Retreat

1.26
Mission Muffins

Feb

2.23
Mission Muffins

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3.22
Mission Muffins



New Hope Holiday Service Schedule

Dec 21/22 Normal Service Times
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services 2, 4 and 6 pm*
Dec 28/29 Online Services Only
 (live.newhope.org)

* Children's programs for children birth through
five yrs old at 2 & 4 only.

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