



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

February 26, 2026

THIS WEEK

ENDURE

SERMON SERIES
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 3/8!

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ENDURE

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After surviving five games in the Olympics, the U.S. men's hockey team made it to the final match against Canada. They had endured a lot before making it to the gold medal final game. Entering the finals, all the analytics said the U.S. didn't have much of a chance. There were predictions that the U.S. would lose by 4 goals.

You see the U.S. team and Canadian teams are made up of the world's best hockey professionals. Both come from the NHL. Canada has a strong majority of the best players in the NHL. Therefore, although the U.S. team has all the best NHL players from the states, they were statistically worse than Canada. How did they endure the immense pressure?

First, we can thank Connor Hellebuyck. The U.S. goalie stopped 41 or 42 shots from the Canadian team! If you would like the math, that's just short of 98%! Wow! However, the U.S. team only scored one goal in the entirety of regulation. Connor endured even while the Canadian defense was so amazing in the gold medal match.

Enter Jack Hughes. In the third period, an errant Canadian player's

hockey stick accidentally hit him in the mouth. He was quoted to say that when he saw his teeth and blood on the ice, he recalled that the last time he lost teeth it was an arduous event (short and long term). Hughes was smacked in the teeth, but endured to score the winning goal in the end.

Looking to God's Word, if the New Testament (and much of the Old) has an overall rallying cry, it would simply be to "endure." Jesus said repeatedly, "But the one who endures to the end will be saved (Matthew 10:22 and several other places)." Following the gospel the NT continues to encourage the disciples to endure.

You see, the longer the first century wore on, the harder it was to endure. Hostility toward people of the "Way" escalated. Also, Jesus didn't return immediately. They had to endure life on this earth for decades. The early church leaders had to figure out, "What now?" They had to build the church and continue reaching out to new disciples. Followers of Jesus had to navigate new territory when the apostles were either martyred or

eventually died of old age.

Our lives have similarities to that hockey match and first century Christianity. Sometimes, it may feel like all you are doing is blocking the shots that the devil (and the world) take at you. You may be hoping for a break, but it just keeps coming! Life kicks you in the teeth. It may seem like you are outmatched! However, we are called to endure.

We are well into the season of Lent. If you are practicing giving something up you love and instead giving that love to God, it can be tough. Lent is a microcosm of our faith walk. Abstaining can feel grueling. Leaning on God more and more may feel unnatural. We get hit, kicked, or trip and fall. However, we are called to get up and endure.

As we learned last Sunday, we have good news! We are not alone on our journey. Like with Jesus in the wilderness, the Holy Spirit will give us strength when we are weak. We can follow Jesus when we just want to quit. We can trust in our Father, when we are dry and hungry. We can pray: God, give us the strength to endure for your glory, today and every single day! Amen.

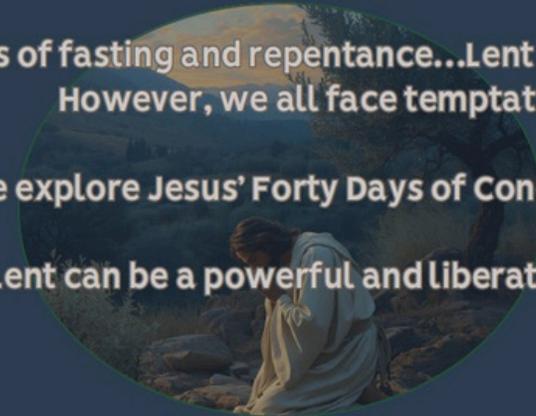
Lenten Series February 22–March 22

40 Days of Conquering Temptation

Forty days of fasting and repentance...Lent can be daunting.
However, we all face temptation.

Join us as we explore Jesus' Forty Days of Conquering Temptation.

Discover how Lent can be a powerful and liberating season for us, too!



March 1 Cravings Luke 4:1-4

Jesus was so hungry after fasting for forty days...you would be too!
We all have cravings. Fasting and God's Word
prepare us for conquering the temptation of any fleshly cravings.



March 8 Control Luke 4:5-8

Do you trust God's plan? Jesus did. Trusting God's plan and God's word is
essential. Otherwise, we will have trouble distinguishing who has control:
God or the devil?

PREPARE TO “SPRING FORWARD”!



Set your clocks **forward one hour**
before going to bed **on Saturday, March 7.**
Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 8!

3/01/26 VOLUNTEERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Children's Church

Michelle G.

Fellowship - Coffee & Treats

Michelle G.



Liturgist

Dana G.

Ushers

Dana G., Randall S., Jim W.

Audio

Laurie K.

Tech - Video

Bob K.



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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” ~ Philipians 4:6

Prayers for:

Susan H., out of the hospital, but in rehab, Carolyn E.'s sister

Kelly, pancreatic cancer, Sheryl A.'s friend

Bill F.'s friend, who has a serious illness

Pam F., dealing with health challenges

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P's sister

Sara J.'s mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David P's friend

God's guidance as we continue to invite and welcome those seeking Hope in Jesus

God's continued blessings upon the Central Korean GMC

Una Esperanza, as they begin worship and their ministry on March 8 at One Hope Church

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Nigerian Christians, who have suffered much persecution

Peace for nations at war

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study | 9:00am

Prayer | 9:45am

Fellowship Time | 10:00am

Sunday Worship | 10:30am

Children's Church | 10:45am

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